

BUCHANAN IMMIGRANTS

AND

THEIR ALLIED FAMILIES

VISTA NICHOLS PERDEW
HISTORIAN

65 FLAGG ROAD
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

Jan. 28th, 1946.

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

Thank you for your letter of Jan. 5th, which is very interesting, although you would not think so after I have waited so long to answer same.

I have never searched records for John McClellan who married Catherine Huston, but always have wished to do this, and now since I have found someone who is interested in this branch of the family, I will give it more attention. I have jotted down items from the History of Susquehanna and Junita Valleys, as you have noted in your letter, also have taken items from the Carlisle Courthouse as I have stumbled on to them in my search for the Buchanans.

Enclosed you will find some items which might perhaps supplement your data. It is quite fragmentary, but might give a hint which will help. The wife of Daniel McClellan, son of John and Catherine I do not have. The Rev. record of Daniel and his subsequent removal to Kentucky I do not have, so I am very grateful to you for sending same. I will keep these items well to the fore on my future trips through Pennsylvania as well as Kentucky, and it might be that we can work out more data concerning the entire family. Of course, I would like to know very much who Catherine Buchanan was- I have my opinion based on rather slim inferences, but of course, not proved. I have voluminous data on the Buchanans, which is not yet all co-ordinated, as the trips out thru Penn. have come rather frequent of late.

In regard to the Buchanans of Licking Creek, Lack Twp., latter Milford Twp. Mifflin County, and now Milford Twp. Juniata County. In the early days, 1767 John Buchanan and James Buchanan, Jr. took warrants for land on Licking Creek, adjoining tracts. Their father, James Buchanan lived in White Deer Twp, Northumberland County, now Union County- and he was there as early as 1770. James Buchanan Jr., was a surveyor, and surveyed many tracts of land in the western counties, Butler, Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties. It seems that John Buchanan died in Westmoreland Co. in 1793, and he was the John who married Dorcas Galbraith, daughter of James Galbraith of Penn Twp. Cumberland Co. I have been working for years on this family- they hailed from Drumore Township Lancaster County about 1770, and thru tax records, church records, and deeds from Lancaster County, Northumberland Co., Mifflin County, Butler, Armstrong, Westmoreland and Indiana County, I have quite an authentic line of continuity. It seems to me that Catherine Buchanan who married Huston and later John McClellan was a sister to them, although as I said above paragraph, that is only inference, and I would not so connect them until I had further proof.

You state in your letter that "Deed records of Mifflin County reveal that Daniel McClellan had received land from James Buchanan, probably a relative of his Mother's, "etc. I have never seen a deed of this kind, and I would be delighted to find such a record. Will you kindly give me the reference, and if possible quote the deed, which would save me the trouble of writing to Lewistown for it, or making a trip there in the future.

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Mr. ShrinerNo. 2

It might be that I will write to you for references concerning the items you gave me in your record when I get to posting them to permanent accounts. However, in the meantime, I will thank you for the Buchanan-McClellan land record above referred to. I will give this line more thought in the future, and work on same on future trips to Pennsylvania. Also will look out for the family of McClellans from which your wife descends.

It will be a pleasure to work with you on this research, and you do not owe me anything whatever. Probably I will ask you many questions, and it will be mutual. Hope this will be a start towards some interesting correspondence in three ways, with you and Mr. Bell and myself. It has been my endeavor to carry all the Buchanans, *of region state* and their allied families, as well as many of their neighbors from the beginning of the 18th century through the Revolutionary period to the time of the Civil War. In other words, the immigrants coming to this country during that time, and their wanderings until they are connected with their descendants in later generations, at the time most anyone can trace back to them with authority. It is not my desire to bring any of them down to the present time.

Enclosed you will find several deeds which might be of interest to you and Mr. Bell concerning the Buchanans of Licking Creek. There are many more items in the Harrisburg Land Office, U.S. Census records, tax records, etc. which bear on this family, and I will copy them all for you, if desired.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, and looking forward to your reply,

Yours cordially,

Mr. Walter W. Shriner,
2525 No. 9th St., Terre Haute, Ind.

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CC to Mr. Raymond Bell,
Wash. Penn.

Dear Mr. Bell:-

Have you any comments to make on enclosed items, which might assist in determining relationship between the Licking Creek Buchanans and Catherine Buchanan Huston McClellan. If you would like to have any further items on this, I shall be glad to send same, also other data which designates that the Licking Creek Buchanans came from Drumore Twp. Lancaster Co., and lived in White Deer Township Northumberland Co. I will return the data which you let me take when I called on you in Washington just before Christmas. This along with the items which I promised you from my records will be forthcoming at any early date. Many thanks to you for your splendid cooperation.

Cordially
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Feb. 23rd, 1946.

Re:- Thomas McClellan of Marsh Creek, York County (Now Adams County) Many Buchanans of the William of Tyrone root settled here, after leaving the Conodoguinet Creek Cumberland County.

In Lancaster County.

Dec. 15, 1762. "From Home rode 16 Miles married John Wallace and Margaret Shenan, and Thomas McClellan and Mary Guthry Received 10/. Cold Day"

Thomas McClellan went to Marsh Creek, and all items from here on are from that section.

May 14, 1764. "From David Dunwoody's rode 3 miles. Preached Captized Jean to J. Crooks and Daniel to T. McClellan." (1)

May 30, 1765. At David Dunwoodys.

June 1st Preached.

June 3rd Preached. Captized John, son to Thomas McClellan A most sweet time, very tired" (2)

Sept. 26, 1771. Rode 8 miles from T. Wilson's to D.D's. (This is David Dunwoody). Baptized Agnes, daughter to Matthew Mitchell and Agnes and John to Thomas McClellan. (3)

Another items in the Diary--

Jan 14, 1754. In Lancaster County. Rode 6 miles to Joseph Walkers after marrying at John Walkers James Brown and Mary McClellan.

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cc to Mr. Shriner -

John McClellan. Deed A. 114. Mifflin County. 1786.
John McClellan takes assignment of Anthony James
Morris of 300 Acres adj. a big Deer Lick on the
North side of No. Branch of Lost Creek, in Fermanagh
Twp. War. No. 3635 of 1767.

Deed says that John McClellan lives in Wilford
Twp. Mifflin County.

The above deed ~~xxxxxxxx~~ made in 1786 and recorded 1798.
(It seems as though it was recorded by the Morris
family- notice deed A. 112, which just precedes it.)

Deed 114 A- Thomas Buchanan, Sheriff of Cumberland Co. sells
land of Arthur Buchanan for debt owed to Mary Morris,
300 Acres. Sells to Samuel Edmiston highest bidder
for 1400 Pounds, Debt of 1787 for 1000 pounds.

Wit:- Kecham and A. Buchanan. Deed made in 1791.

Deed recorded 1798.

Note:- to Mr. Shriner--

With very little work I find in my records various
items denoting that John McClellan was connected with the
Mifflin County Buchanans. These items were mainly
copied for Mr. Bell.

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March 15th, 1946.

Re:- James Huston-

Wife Dorcas.

Cumberland County- probably East Penns Twp.

1769- James Huston of Cumberland Co. bought land at head of Penns Creek from James Potter. See Deed Northumberland County C 185- recorded 1785.

This land was known as "King's Head"

In 1769 this was Cumberland County- so James Huston may have lived close to this land- This was Northumberland in 1772, and Mifflin County in 1789 and Centre County 1800.

Between 1769 and 1785- James Huston moved to Philadelphia and there kept an Inn.

1785- James Huston, Innkeeper in Philadelphia sold above land to James Huston, Jr. of East Penns. Twp, Cumberland County. See Sunbury Deed 1785 C 135. (Sunbury is the county seat of Northumberland Co)

Mr. Bell:- Was head of Penns Creek ever in Northumberland County. The above deed is from Northumberland and have I got it placed right?

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Re:- Samuel Huston of East Pennsborough Twp. Cumberland Co, Pa.

Will in Carlisle- 1784

Samuel Died about this time. Wife, but does not state name.

Sons:- John Huston

Jonathan Huston

William Huston

Samuel Huston

No Daughters named. Exrs. Sons.

Witnesses:- John Buchanan

Walter Buchanan.

(I took this will from some Will Books in the Penn. Hist. Society in Philadelphia. As I have said before, I have not searched for the McClellands and Hustons, but will from now on. Mrs. Perdeu)

It would seem that Catherine Buchanan (Huston) McClellan who married John of Juniata County, was a relative of above Samuel- just what relation, we will probably ascertain upon further research.

Samuel Huston was listed as resident of White Deer Twp. Northumberland County, Now Union County in 1784 and 1786 See Annals of Buffalo Valley By Linn.

White Deer Township is where the Buchanans located who owned land on Licking Creek in Junita County (At that time Mifflin)

More will come forth on this as I give it more thought, and post more of the various references which I happen to have so far not co-ordinated. But I think we are on the track of arriving at a line of continuity for the Buchanans-Hustons and McClellans of East Pennsborough Cumberland County, who went to ~~Licking Creek~~ Licking Creek Mifflin Co. and to White Deer Township Northumberland Co. (Now Union).

For sometime past, have been working Walter Buchanan of East Pennsborough, Cumberland Co, and have considerable data and will send same as I have time to copy same. He lived close to Hogestown on the Conodoguinet Creek.

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Abstract of Orphans Court Docket- Book 2 Page 155-6.
Carlisle, Penn.

1762. Upon petition of John McClellan, one of the sons of Hugh McClellan, late of Salisbury Twp., Lancaster Co, Deceased, died intestate, setting forth to the court that his father Hugh McClelland lately died possessed of an improved tract of land warranted and surveyed containing 360 acres in Antrim Township Cumberland Co. (Now Franklin Co) adjoining lands of Thomas Poc, dec. and Thomas Nesbit, leaving a widow and 3 children, to-wit:- Robert, William and the Petitioner of full age, and also Sarah and Hugh under age-and also setting forth to the court that he is desirous to hold and possess the land and pay the other children their respective shares.

Items from Tax Records in Carlisle:-

John McClellan was collector of taxes in Antrim Twp.
in the year 1744.

1751. Thomas Poc, David and Wm. McClellan were assessed names together. Antrim Twp.

1753. John McClelland and Wm. McClellan were assessed.
Antrim Twp.

(Note:- As you no doubt, know that the tax payers were not listed in Tax records at Carlisle before 1750, and after that date, the entire townships of Cumberland County are not complete. However, the Tax Collectors are given from 1736 to 1750, rather intermittently)

Note:- On account of the name Hugh, which is quite foreign to John McClellan of Juniata, I have never connected the above to him. Do you know of the name ~~Wgh~~ Hugh appearing in the descendants of John?

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Harrisburg Land Office- West Side Application No. 2332 - 1767.

James Buchanan, Jr. took grant of 100 acres south side Licking Creek in Lack Township, Cumberland Co. (Now Licking Creek Tuscarora Valley, Juniata County) opposite Widow Cunningham and John Buchanan.

Mifflin County Deed F 262. (My record says that this was not indexed, and I remember of stumbling on to it while reading others)

1801- James Buchanan of the County of Butler to Dr. Geo. Alberti of Philadelphia certain land on Licking Creek in Milford Township, formerly Cumberland Co., adjoining John Cunningham, John Buchanan and others being the same application entered 1768 in the name of James Buchanan, Jr. and which tract has since been surveyed and returned by Wm. McClay, Esq., Surveyor. Contains 60 acres.

Wit:- Thomas Fisher and Andrew Nelson.

Rec. 1802.

John Buchanan took grant same date as James Jr. of 300 acres on south side of Licking Creek, adjoining Wm. Irwin. West Side Application No. 2333.

I have never found where John Buchanan sold above tract, unless it was in 1793 assignment to Wm. Attmore, as stated on the Westmoreland deed.

I do not know yet whether above transactions are the same mentioned in the Hist. of Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, page 759. I have not gone into it thoroughly enough as yet to determine that.

This history says that Daniel McClellan warranted land further up Shurnan Run, Oct. 22nd, 1766, 200 acres.

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Deed in Armstrong County- Book 9 page 309- 1795.

Recorded in Ammstrong in 1836.

John Kelly, Esq. of White Deer Township County of Northumberland appoints trusty friend James Buchanan of the same county and township, now in the city of Philadelphia, to act for me as agent in sale of three different tracts of land on the south side of Toby Creek in the late Purchase in the County of Northumberland.

The deed following acknowledged by James Buchanan, Surveyor in Philadelphia, sells these tracts to Patrick Moore of Philadelphia, Merchant- and then the details are given concerning these three tracts.

(Note:- The northern part of Armstrong county was at Northumberland County in 1795, and between 1795 and 1800 was Lycoming county.)

This James Buchanan, Surveyor, flitted about between Philadelphia and the western counties. He took up various grants as well as surveying the new lands. Butler County and Armstrong County, as well as Indiana and Westmoreland and Alleghany counties have many of his deeds.

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Deed Book 1 page 331- Westmoreland County, Penn.

1793. John Buchanan of Westmoreland assigns to John Kaigh and Wm. Attmore of Philadelphia, Merchants, all lands he owns in Pennsylvania in consideration of debt owed them of \$1940.00 land interest, including his half interest in grist and saw mill with 400 acres in the county of Westmoreland, late property of Thomas Buchanan of Cumberland Co. This was recorded in 1793.

CC to Mr. Bell, Washington, Pa.

Did you ever see any deed of Wm. Attmore of Philadelphia, especially grantor deed recorded in Mifflin County.

As stated on the record of land which John Buchanan owned on Licking Creek- I cannot find any record of him ever selling this land which was warranted to him in 1767, and it might have been in this assignment made by John in 1793 West oreland.

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For Mr. Shriner, Terre Haute, Ind.

Jan. 29th, 1946.

Various items concerning John McClellan of Licking Creek now Juniata County, who married Catherine Buchanan (Houston) about 1748,-- Widow of ? Houston.

Near Carlisle:- (On Conodoguinet Creek, near Walter Buchanan's)

Aug. 21, 1751- John McClellan was baptised by Rev. John Cuthbertson.

July 15, 1753- Daniel McClellan " "

Aug. 3 1555- Mary McClellan " "

Above children were John McClellans.

(Rev. Cuthbertson was a Covenanter, the first Reformed Presbyterian Missionary to come to America. He traveled by horseback and walked to the various settlements in Lancaster Co., York Co. Franklin Co and Cumberland Co, as well as other outlying sections between 1751 to 1790. In 1774 the Reformed Presbyterian Church was organized and took over part of Rev. Cuthbertson's duties. Rev. Cuthbertson kept a diary of his travels, visiting various settlements, baptising and performing marriages, as well as preaching, lecturing, etc. The above baptisms were taken from his Diary, which will be found in various places in Pennsylvania, as well as in Wash. D.C. Typewritten copies are in Harrisburg State Library, Presbytery at Philadelphia, etc. and printed book by Helen Fields, in her attempt to compile his visits, baptisms, etc. under certain settlements, which is not altogether correct, will be found in most leading Historical Societies over the eastern states.) The baptisms generally took place from month to two years after birth, depending upon Rev. Cuth's visits.

I notice that the above baptisms are about right with your records sent me recently.

1755- John McClellan took warrant of 550 acres on Licking Creek, close to Patteron on the Juniata River.
History of Juniata & Susquehanna Valleys.

1805- John McClellan died. See Will Book 2 Page 40. Made 1796, proved 1805. Codicil 1799.
(This you have)

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John McClellan items- Page No. 2

1787- O.C.D. Book 3 page 30- Carlisle.

John McClellan appointed in court, grand father of Priscilla McClellan age 12, minor orphan of John McClellan late a Lieut. in the 1st Batt. of the Penn. Troops service of the U.S.A. who died in the wilderness on the expedition to Quebec No. 1775. Court appoints John McClellan, grand father as guardian to pay her 108 pounds for support.

1773- John McClellan, Sr., gave John McClellan, Jr. 101 acres, upper part of his trace. John Jr., sold this 1775 to Mr. Gallagher, Merchant of Mifflintown, now known as the Wright Farm. Hist. of Sus. & Juniata.

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John McClellan Items- Page no. 3

1818. Jane Huston Elliot will Book 3 page 13 Cumb. Co.
No doubt you have this also. She is the wife of
John Elliot, and daughter of Catherine Buchanan
Huston by first husband.
Witness on this will is Mr. A. M. Gallagher.

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Items concerning Daniel McClellan.

Relationship to John McClellan not determined.

Daniel McClellan was a resident of Coleraine Twp.
Lancaster County, between 1751 and 1765. See Cuthbertson
Diary where he made many visits every year to Daniel
McClellans. He never baptised any children to Daniel
nor did he indicate at any time who he was, who he
married, etc. This would indicate that he was an
elderly man or family, or a childless one.

1766- Daniel McClellan applied for 200 acres on Licking
Dreek, higher up than Fort Granville. Mr. Voegle
now resides on same. Hist. Sus. & Juniata Valley

(Note:- It has been my opinion that this Daniel was a
relative of John McClellan, and that I would do some
research work on same as soon as possible.)

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1762- Hist. of Sus. & Juniata also states that John
McClellan, Jr. took a warrant af, near to the above.

To Mr. Shriner- June 1949
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Lawrence County, Ill.

Victor Buchanan- born about 1762- died in Lawrence Co. Ill. 1843. Am sure he had a will or some kind of estate settlement. He came from York Co. Penn. went to Trimble Co. Kentucky (you might look in Trimble Co. if you are there) settled near Milton on the Ohio River at Hunters Bottom. Thence by Ohio River to Wabash River- and up to Lawrence Co. Ill.

There is an old cemetery with a lot of Buchanans buried in Lawrence Co. Ill. If you can find a roster of same, would love to have it- however, do not try and take names from gravestones unless it is real easy to do. They will advise you at Lawrenceville, no doubt. Perhaps they have a Historical Society there.

John Buchanan died here in 1842- and I have his will. But if there are deeds of his recorded, it might be they would give a lot of data. This John came from Mifflin County, Penn. and was a descendant of Arthur Buchanan of Lewistown, the immigrant parent, who Mr. Bell knows so much about.

Trace in Lawrence county any other Buchanans which might be in deeds or will from time county was formed up until 1850.

*Thank you
V. P.*

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Counties along the Ohio River - in Indiana.

Clarke County- County Seat- Jeffersonville- just across the river from Louisville.
There were some Buchanans who settled here about 1828

Jefferson County - county seat- Max Madison- situated on the Ohio River.

There was a John Buchanan with wife Rachael here from 1818 and on.

Would like to have his estate settlement, which may be in Switzerland County instead of Jefferson. He may have been married twice.

He is the grand son of the old George Buchanan of York County- the Rev. soldier which you wrote about in last letter.

Of course, any other Buchanans there- I would love to have.

I have searched quite extensively in Ripley County Ind. In this section are the military grants given for Rev. service by the government.

Switzerland County Indiana - county seat Vevey on the Ohio River.
There are several Buchanans here 1800 and on.

I would be very grateful if you would follow the plan--

Index- in County Recorder Deeds- both grantee and grantor- just take down the names of Buchanan, locality and to whom or from whom did they buy or sell. and of course dates.

Index- in Registrar of Wills- or estate settlements-- dates of death, and if convenient, would like to have short abstract of will, etc.

It takes time for all this abstracting, and if I would have just the index, then I could send for the items which I wished. I will be so very grateful for the indexes.

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To Mr. Shriner--

Kindly advise which ones of these Kentucky
Counties you are going to visit- and I will send
you the data I desire.

Thanks.

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Counties in Kentucky-

Mother Counties-

Known as Kentucky County Virginia in 1780 for long time- do not know the date Ky. was made a state.

10 counties as follows:-

- River
- No. 1 Mason County - on the Big Sandy- to Licking ~~River~~ - formed 1788.
Early formation of counties from this mother county:-
Campbell County- 1794
Bracken " 1796 At Maysville, Ky, the present county seat
Fleming " 1798 should have interesting old records.
Lewis " 1806
Other counties taken off at later dates, in which I am not so interested.
- River
- No. 2 Bourbon County - From Licking ~~River~~ over to North Fork of the Kentucky River *formed 1785*
Early formation of counties from this mother county-
Harrison - 1793
Nicholas - 1799 At Paris, the county seat of present Bourbon
Montgomery 1796 County should be considerable early records.
Bath 1811
other counties taken off at later date- not interested.
- No. 3 Woodford County - From Licking River over to Kentucky River. Formed 1788
Early formation of counties from this mother county-
Boone - 1798
Pendelton 1798
Gallatin 1798
Franklin 1794
Scott 1792
This was a small county and I have named all present counties within this mother county, except two- - Grant in 1820 and Kenton in 1840
- No. 4 Fayette County *formed 1780* - Small county bounded on north by Woodford on east by Bourbon
by Kentucky River and includes present counties of
Jessamine 1798 and Fayette
- No. 5 Madison County- formed 1785- lying south of Fayette to the Cumberland Mts.
Early formation from this mother county
Estill - 1808
Clay - 1806 County seat Richmond.
Other counties formed from this at later dates not interested.
- No. 6 Jefferson County - rather small county - formed 1780
Early formation from this mother county Louisville on Ohio River county seat
Henry 1798
Shelby 1792
Franklin 1794 Not interested in remainder
- No. 7 Mercer County- Very small county- county seat- Harrodsburg- *formed 1785*
No other county taken from this in the early day.
Very early history here around Harrodsburg.
- No. 8 Lincoln County- Very large county including all the southern portion of the state
up to the Green River. County seat Stanford. Formed 1780
Early formation from this mother county-
Pulaski - 1798
Knox 1799 Many more taken from this large county in which I am not
interested.
- No. 9 Nelson County- rather large county- formed 1784- lying next to Ohio down to Green River.

No. 2-

County seat of Nelson County Bardstown-
Early formation from this mother county-
Washington 1792
Bullitt 1796
Breckendrige 1799
Hardin 1792
Ohio 1798

No. 10- Jackson Purchase 1818- next to the Miss. River. - not interested.

6.
Carroll Buchanan (living at St. Francisville, Ill.)

Born in Dennison Twp. April 10, 1835 ... (Scottish Buchanan before
Saire treu as president married with Irish)

In 1750 John, James, & Wm. (brothers) left Scotland & settled in
Halifax, Virginia, & Pennsylvania respectively

John James William
John Victor (married to K)
(2nd wife = Mary)

THOMAS VIKTOR WALTER JAMES H
(wife = Elizabeth)

Arson B. Rebecca Elizabeth

1st marriage Oct. 4, 1854 to Margaret Dennison (husband Jwp.) died
Nov. 26, '76

- 1. Owen R.
- 2. Willie
- 3. Caroline B.
- 4. Phoebe E.
- 5. Mary A.

2nd marriage to Marie M. Graham (widow of cousin Isaac B.)

- 1. Roy Irving
- 1. Odeline
- 2. Cass S.
- 3. Mary C.
- 4. Clyde J.
- 5. Roxie M.

Arson a Republican & Presbyterian

Byron / 1850
at Bridgeport

C. Herman Buchanan

Born June 11, 1858 ... 3rd son of John G. ...
4 children ... Republican ... Presbyterian

Clarence E. Buchanan

Feb. 12, 1856 ... 2nd son of John G. (3rd child)

Wm George

Feb. 28, 1854 ... son of John G. ... Christian ... Rep.

James E.

July 30, 1866 ... Aug. 1, 1893 ... son of John G. ... Rep. & Rep.

Sept. 13
for Buchanan
sumpsh

John C. Buchanan (Democrat) Sep 2nd 1828 (born)
Son of Walter -- on May 25, 1851 married Hannah Knight (Walsh Co.)
-- parents of 13 children -- died at age of 63 -- Republican
Presbyterian

James H. Buchanan (Jr) (11th child)
Oct 2, 1852 -- son of James H. (born in Ky. in 1813 to Victor,
son of original William)

James H. (Sr.) came here as boy -- inherited 160 A. when father
died. Served during Black Hawk War for US-A and Warrent
-- married Martha Knight (Ohio) at Walsh Co. -- 13 children
-- Rep & Presby -- died at 59

John J. Buchanan

Oct. 28, 1825 -- son of Thomas (Ky. in 1797)

3rd
John, son of Victor (born in Penna. -- married Miss Allison in Ky.
had 3 sons -- married Rebecca Whitaker) -- at 17, John enlisted
for War of 1812 (served 3 years) -- married Eliza Anderson
(Ky.) -- had 10 children (5 sons) -- a Whig & Presbyterian --
died at 82 --

John J. married Lucy Knight on May 9, 1850 -- had George,
Charles, & Mary Odeline -- married Sarah Denison in
1852 -- had Elizabeth, Robt, & Julia -- married Rebecca
Laughlin in 1875 -- had Elmina & Chester Arthur --
Whig, Republican, & Presbyterian

Marriages

John Buchanan	Jane Richardson	✓ Oct. 30, 1824	(Jas. Webb)
Walter B Buchanan	Jane Gillespie	✓ Jan. 24, 1825	(John Morris)
John Buchanan Jr.	Malinda Woaler	✓ Aug. 31, 1833	(Wm. Collins)
Robert A. Buchanan	Jane B Maxwell	✓ Nov. 25, 1839	(Isaac Bennett)
Vernel Jordan	Rebecca Buchanan	May 19, 1825	(V. J. Bradley)
John Gardner	Ann Buchanan	✓ Nov. 24, 1831	(" " " ")
Caron J. Gold	Eliya Buchanan	✓ May 1, 1834	(Stephen Bluff)
Walter Gillespie	Elinty Ann Buchanan	✓ Sept. 10, 1835	(Wm. Ramsey)
A. J. Salloway	Rebecca Buchanan	✓ Nov. 22, 1838	(Isaac Bennett)
Harris Barnes	Susan Buchanan	✓ Aug. 25, 1839	(A. S. Badollet)
John J. Long	Jane Buchanan	✓ Oct. 4, 1826	(V. J. Bradley)
Abbot Lee	Malinda Purcell (Purcell)	✓ Mar. 6, 1835	(John Pollock)
Isaac Bennett	Caroline Buchanan	✓ July 5, 1836	(no marriage record)
Martin Reiley	Mary Buchanan	✓ April 25, 1839	(Stephen Bluff)

FAMILY HISTORY
(Separate Report for Each Married Member)

I. Name Victor (First) (Middle) Buchanan (Last)
Born (Town or Twp.) (County) Pennsylvania (State) (Date)
Died Dennison Lawrence Illinois Apr. 1843

II. Married (Town or Twp.) (County) (State) (Date)
To (Name) Mary (First) (Middle) Allison (Last)
Rebecca Whittaker
Born (Town or Twp.) (County) (State) (Date)
Died

III. Children born to the above:
(First name) (Middle name) (Birth date) (Death date)
(3) Thomas b. Ky m. Elizabeth Anderson in Ky. (10 ch.) b. Ky. 1797 1876
(2) Victor
(3) Walter Jan. 31, 1881
(4) James H m. Martha Knight (Ohio) b. Ky. 1813 1878²
(5) Elizabeth Ann
(6) Rebecca
(7)
(8)
(9)
(10)
(11)
(12)

IV. Remarks (various places of residence, military service, public office, occupation, education, church affiliation, burial place)

V. Names of the parents of the above (first named) individual:

(1) Father (First) (Middle) (Last)
(2) Mother

Telephone Directory Laurensville

Buchanan, Charlie
 Clement
 Fairy Farms
 Della S Mrs
 Ernest
 Forrest S
 Fred
 Hugh
 John Victor
 Ralph E.
 Raymond
 S.H.
 V. G.
 W. J.
 Walter
 Warner H.

R.R.
 " "
 Lincoln Heights
 602 Jefferson
 R.R. St. Francisville
 25th 15th
 R.R.
 "
 St. Joseph
 R.R. 1 St. Francisville
 R.R. 1
 R.R. 1
 R.R. 1
 903 15th
 R.R.
 R.R. 1 St. Francisville

Lawrence A. Bunn pioneer stock,
farmer of Section 2 Emerson Twp.
Born on farm Sept 11, 1867, son
of Wm. J. who was a farmer & stock man.
Father also born here, son of Thomas
married Tabitha Crane in 1853 in
Feb. 23, who died in Nov. 20, 1857 (2
daughters, Flora, deceased and Laura.
Wm. J. remarried Sept 20 1858 Martha
Emerson (daughter of Alex Emerson)

Brothers & Sisters:

Mary born Oct. 31 1859
Winfield " Nov. 30, 1861 died Apr. 18 1886
John Edgar " Sept. 20, 1863 " Sept. 11 1886
Margaret " July 20, 1871 " Sept. 22 1886
Thomas C. " Mar 8, 1865 died Sept. 11, 1905

Settled in Section 14 of Wabash Precinct
John W. Buchanan & John Buchanan

The Buchanans settling in this vicinity of the Andrew Steel family ^{in Va} are as follows:-

James Buchanan- wife Martha Allison- from East Nottingham Township, Chester County. He was born around 1700, and his father-in-law was Alexander Allison whose will appears in 1741 in Chester County. He and James Buchanan had considerable dealings together in Chester County. James Buchanan married 2nd wife Mary _____ and history says it was Mary Reside- he went to Virginia sometime about 1745 to 50. settled on Walkers Creek in Bordens Tract on 415 acres. Inasmuch as he left a very comprehensive will in 1763, he is noted in various genealogical charts in print. He and his son James were killed by Indians in 1763. From this family- comes the David who married Margaret Steel in 1788- of course, not proved as yet.

Samuel Buchanan- wife not sure- born about 1700- came from Pequea Creek Lancaster Co. to Va. about 1749 or 50. He has left quite a remarkable data of himself in a will and also in deeds. He had a son in Chester County in what is now Honeywood Township. He died around 1774 to 80- will proved in 1784, I believe, in Washington County, Va. History is full of various interpretations of this man. Settled on Moffets Creek. William Buchanan- wife Rebecca Hays, sister of Hugh Hays of Dauphin County, Penn. at that time Lancaster County. He was born around 1700 also. I have dug him out of various Lancaster County and Virginia records. He died in 1762 with rather of a indefinite will. Most of the Virginia data was gathered concerning him from court cases- and of course, from Hugh Hays will in ~~Rauphin~~ Lancaster County. William settled on Walkers Creek.

Walkers, Moffett, Hayes Creek all right together.

Steele Families of August² and Rockbridge Counties, Virginia. —
From Lyman Chalkley's compilation of public records
of these counties, covering the Scotch-Irish families
settling in the Shenandoah valley- west of the Blue Ridge
1745 to 1800.

*110. Branch
of the James*

This is published by the D.A.R. in three volumes, and can be found in most all the Genealogical libraries throughout the United States- all indexed and most comprehensive. Short abstracts of all land, military and church records. This serves nicely for one to get the first set-up of the families they desire, and then a visit to each county courthouse and see the deeds in full, etc. will provide the details.

The following is co-ordinated from Volume No. 3 only- Deeds and estate settlements.

Symbols-- The letter "A" is the immigrant parent, as far as I know- "B" the children, etc.

/A. ANDREW STEEL- Settled in the north part of what is now Rockbridge County- or the southern portion of Augusta County on the streams close to Walkers Creek. In those days they were called Moffets Creek, Hayes Creek and Kennedy's Mill Creek- of course all changed to other names today, but they were branches of the North Branch of the James.

1749- Bought land adjoining Robert Henry, John Lowry, Andrew Duncan and Joseph Kennedy.

1750- Bought 463 acres from Borden. (This is what was known as Borden's tract)

From this time on he was active in community affairs, appraising estates of his neighbors, and associated with the following early settlers:-

Francis McCowan

James Bell- William Wardlaw, John McCrosky, William Edmondson, Nathan Patterson and Robert and Samuel Buchanan.

(Samuel Buchanan was from Lancaster County, Pequea Creek, and his son Robert Buchanan was married to Mary Jamison)

1764- He died- no wife mentioned- probably a middle aged man. Children:-

1B- Robert Steel- probably remained in Virginia.

2B- Samuel Steel- very prominent in the county history- his will is probably on file in Rockbridge County, as he died ~~about~~ before 1806, after Rockbridge County had been taken from Augusta. However, there is a court case in 1807 on file in Augusta County, where Rockbridge settlers had to come for their legal affairs- that gives his children-- This happens to be in Vol. 2 of Chalkley, the only item which is not from Vol. 3.

Samuel Steel- wife Mary _____ No wife's name was given in this court case, so it is evident she died first. The heirs of Samuel Steel brought suit against Koontz in 1807, and their names are given as follows:-

1C- Robert Steel

2C John Steel - long absent

3C Samuel Steel- died about 1813.

4C William Steel

5C dau. married to William Patterson

6C Margaret Steel " to David Buchanan

7C Elizabeth Steel " Samuel Grimes

8C Polly Steel (Mary)" Wm. Baird. *son-in-law*

The above court case involves lot in Brownsburg, Va., land in Kentucky, Tennessee and Washington County, Va.

3B- Sarah Steel

4B- Elizabeth Steel.

Executors- Alexander Moore, James Wardlaw

Wit:- Hugh, Joseph and William Wardlaw and Andrew Kennedy.

The David Buchanan mentioned above married Margaret Steel 1788, according to Church Record in Vol. 2. of Chalkley. I do not know exactly who this David Buchanan was as there were several of them at that time. The Buchanans were thick along Moffets, Walker and Hayes Creek- three different families settling about 1745 to 1750. Some day I will know this, as I am carrying all the above settlers, who were neighbors into various eastern states.

*South Branch
of Shenandoah*

This early Andrew Steel was a relative of the following Steel families who settled in what is now Augusta County, on the south branch of the Shenandoah- only few miles from the Andrew Steel- over the ridge- inasmuch as they had transactions together- and they were probably brothers to Andrew.

1A- Samuel Steel (born about 1712 to 15)- Wife Sarah Campbell, daughter of James Campbell who died in 1753- see his will which I am not quoting.

Samuel settled in this section before 1747, as he purchased from William Beverly land in the Beverley tract. Settlers who bought land at the same time adjoining Samuel were as follows:-

Robert Alexander	(He is from Little Britian Twp. Lancaster County)
James McCorkle	
Geo. Breckenridge	(Also from Pennsylvania)
Samuel Branford	
WmMcNutt	" "
Robert Ramsay	" "
Alexander McPheeters	

Samuel Steel had land adjoining James Huston, David Steel, Robert Alexander, Patrick Hayes, who was from what is now Dauphin County, Penn

Samuel died about 1789- See will- no wife mentioned. Children:-

1B- James Steel, whose wife was also Sarah. He lived and died in Aug. County
2B Andrew Steel- wife Mary Ramsay, dau of John Ramsay (See John Ramsay Will 1783)
He probably lived and died in Augusta County. Yes- I have found his will

~~3BxxSamuelxSteelex~~

as follows:- 1800- proved 1801

Wife Mary-

1C- Sarah Steel

2C- Mary Steel

3C- John Steel- land in Kentucky

4C- James Steel " in Tennessee

5C- Andrew Steel

Exrs- Wife Mary, son John Steel and Andrew Ramsay-

Wit:- Andrew Steel, Jr. John McClure and John Ramsay.

~~Wit~~

3B Samuel Steel- lived and died in August Co- about 1795 or 6.

4B Margaret Steel

5B Sarah Steel

6B Martha Steel

7B Mary Steel

Exrs- Sons James, Andrew and Sameul

Test. Samuel Finley, Andrew Ramsay and James Finely- proved 1790

Inasmuch as the same names appear as adjoiners and co-signers as the following David Steel- it is quite logical to assume that they were brothers- altho names are somewhat different.

The early settlers who signed with these two are- James Fulton, Charles Campbell (Campbell was from ~~Virginia~~ Pennsylvania) John Mitchell, John Teas, James Huston, Robert Alexander Patrick Hays, Alexander and Robert Ramsay, Patrick Campbell, William Moore, etc.

1A

David Steel - Wife Janet Born about 1700.

He lived adjoining Samuel Steel. He died 1747, with quite a young family, as follows:-

1B- Thomas Steel with wife Janet- who died about sametime as father with 4 very small children. Janet married again to Wm. Smith who died in 1754. He had will in which he named Janet Steel's children as his stepchildren.

2B- Robert Steel- Wife Mary _____ Died 1800 with a grown up family.

Will states following children:-

1C- Mary Steel

2C- John Steel, deceased- names his son John Steel.

3C- David Steel- Lived in Rockbridge County as he and Thomas Paxton were summoned by their mother.

4C Elinor Steel, married to Mr. Allen

5C Martha Steel, married to Thomas Paxton- Lived in Rockbridge County

6C William Steel- deceased, and his orphans are mentioned.

Exrs- Son David Steel and Thomas Paxton.

Test. John Tate, Hugh Fulton, Henry Miller.

3B- Nathaniel Steel- wife Rosanna _____

Nathaniel died 1796- See his will. his children as follows:-

1C- Nathaniel Steel- all lands in Aug. Co.

2C- day married to Halferd McClure

1D- Moses McClure

3C- _____ married to Archibald Blackburn

1D- Nathaniel Blackburn

2D- Rosanna Blackburn

4C- Martha Steel- married to Robert Cooper

1D Elizabeth Cooper

5C Rosanna Steel

6C day married to David McClure

1D- Moses McClure

7C dau- married to Samuel McClure

1D Nathaniel McClure

Exrs. of will- wife Rosanna and Son Nathaniel and son-in-law Robert Cooper
Wit. John and Samuel Steel and Jno. Fulton.

in 1807 Rosanna died- see her will. She names sons-in-law- Halbert McClure
Archibald Blackburn, Samuel McClure and Robert Cooper

She names grandsons- Nathaniel Steel and his sister Sally
also Rosanna Blackburn and Elizabeth Cooper

Exrs. Halbert McClure- Wit. Pleasant Ware and Thomas Love.

4B- Martha Steel- married to _____ Teas

5B- Isabel " " _____ McClure

6B- Rebecca Steel }

7B Janet Steel } (It seems by the records that these two were married to Campbells

Exrs appointed- Samuel Doak and Robert Ramsay, who refused to execute.

Janet Steel qualifies as administratrix, with sureties:- Wm. Henderson and

David Campbell. Wit on Will:- Wm. Steel, Geo. Breckendridge and Robert Alexander

Estate appraised by James Fulton, Charles Campbell and John Mitchell which shows cash due:

~~From James Teas~~ to John Teas and Executors of Thomas Steel, Dec.

Nathaniel Steel qualifies as guardian of Rebecca, orphan of David. Sur:- David Dryden
and Moses Steel.

David Steel (1A) had land adjoining James Huston, David Steel, Robert Alexander and Patrick Hays.

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VISTA NICHOLS PERDEW
HISTORIAN

Pennsylvania

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WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

Various entries concerning Steele Families--

Drumore Township- Lancaster County-

1756 Taxes- Samuel Steel

1759 " " Not listed after this date.

Drumore Township Lancaster County

1769 William Steel listed along with son. Not listed in 1780 taxes.

Martic Township- Lancaster County

1757 Widow Steel listed in taxes.

Chester County- This deed not abstracted so do not know location.

1779 William Steel sold to John Steele- Deed X-20.

(Sometimes as taking down records, I jot down items as they appear close-
so the above are rather rambling). I have never traced Steels anywhere in Penn.

Franklin County- Path Valley- probably what is now Fannet Twp.

1826- Samuel Steel bought various articles from the John Buchanan estate.

Papers No. 2291 in Chambersburg- lists household articles, such as spinning wheel
dried apples, pewter, cow and colt and they were sold to following:-

Samuel Steel, Benjamin Eby, James Kirkpatrick, Abraham Drake, Joseph Kilgore,
Robert Lewis, Matthew Elder, Jacob Haines, David Campbell, Jno Varner.

This inventory mentions pension account service in the Revolution.

I am not as yet sure where this John Buchanan came from- but probably from
York County. This John Buchanan had wife Jane.

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The Steele families in Armstrong County- Penn.

The Steeles have never been traced, but the following items are taken from the Buchanan families which have been traced. The Steels appear with Buchanans in several counties thru Pennsylvania, and as I can get at it will send same to you. It looks like a definite connection with Buchanans in the early days of colonial activities.

- 1849- John Steel bought from John Buchanan land adjoining David Buchanan.
(This John and David Buchanan Buchanan's progenitors came from Chester County-)
Deed 17-276
- 1844- David Buchanan and wife Hannah sold to Matthew Steel of Alleghany County his land adjoining John Buchanan. Deed 13-498
- 1852- John Steel witnessed land sale of David Buchanan's estate (David died before this) Armstrong County.

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June 11th, 1949.

65 FLAGG ROAD
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

Thank you for yours of May 15th enclosing the comprehensive notes on the Huston-Steel-Buchanan families. They are nicely arranged and I shall use them.

Enclosed you will find various notes on the Steel families. I do hope that they fit in with what you have and not confuse you. However, should you desire further data on any of the Virginia Steels, I have considerable more data as well as the allied families with them. The Steel families have never been traced in the respective counties- only jotted down as they have appeared with the Buchanan families, and as I have some across data which was easy to copy.

You ask about the George Buchanan of York County, soldier who died in Ripley County, Indiana. I am quite well acquainted with him, as I traced him for a number of years, thinking that he was the George from whom I ensued- but so far of no avail. ~~Some~~ Fortunate I was to run across a collection of private letters and papers owned by one of his descendants in Belmont County, Ohio, which gave considerable light on this George. Mr. A. L. Buchanan of Larned Kansas, I have never been able to contact- some say that he has died, but he has some of the details wrong- leaving out a generation. By compiling data from Fayette County, Washington County, Penn, Ohio County West Virginia, Belmont County, Ohio as well as the Ripley County Indiana records, his story is quite complete. I have worked quite a bit in Ripley County, Indiana. Altho my ancestor died in Frankling County, Indiana, which is close to Ripley- yet I have never been able to discern the least connection with this old George and my progenitor. Still searching- always searching- and ready to consider any clue which anyone might send. If you wish to have the data on this old fellow, just let me know.

I am learning more every day how to study the old documents, and the general history of county formation in those early days. Am noticing that the old settlers making wills do not nearly always mention their entire family of children- this because they married many times the second wife, and the first wife's children were generally taken care before the second set came on, and of course, sometimes the sons went far astray from the parents and they were cut off, etc. Take for instance the old Gilbert ~~of~~ Buchanan of East Nottingham- his will of 1771. He mentions Walter Buchanan as the oldest son- but he does not say a word about other sons, who I am discovering without a ~~slight~~ doubt. The expression "Walter Buchanan, my oldest son"- shows conclusively that he had other sons younger who he has not mentioned.

Have you ever traced the Steel families in the Harrisburg land Office- warrants- surveys and patents? If so, I will not do it- altho I have intended to do that for sometime past. There is a definite connection between the Steels and Buchanans of East Nottingham Twp, Chester County, and we will find it yet. Something else has come to my thought in regard to the Steels, as I have been copying them for you. Could ~~Nathan~~ Neenan Steel be a contraction of Nathaniel? We run across funny things in these old time, and that is not nearly as far fetched as items we have proved in other cases. Just something to think about. *Nathan is a distinct name of its own - not a nickname of Nathaniel -*

Enclosed herewith is a list of courthouses which I would like for you to assist with- if convenient for you. I am going to be in Virginia this summer, but do not know as yet how much further I will be able to go- whether into Kentucky or North Carolina. So it might be that I could make a bargain with you- inasmuch as I have the Steel families rather well

in hand in Virginia and certain counties in Pennsylvania. I will trace for you the Steel families in southwest Virginia- all counties west of the Blue Ridges, and Albermarle and Amherst on the east of the Blue Ridges. You to take for me the Buchanans ~~at~~ along the Wabash, Kentucky and North Carolina- in fact along your line of march this summer.

What time do you intend starting? If real soon, could you send me an adress where I might find you in Kentucky? It will take me a little time to get everything jotted down which I would like so it will be comprehensive to you. However, I am enclosing herewith the Lawrence County data: *Indiana* Sometime when convenient, I would like to have ~~Ed~~ the other counties along the Wabash on the Illinois side, such as Vermillion, etc. I do not know the formation of the Illinois counties- but only the original counties need searching. *No hurry*

I will be in Virginia the latter part of July and fore part of August- driving. I will also do the research work in Chester County and Lancaster, Penn. for you on the Steels, or any other families you so desire. I have in mind now the McClellans-Hustons-Steels- and I shall set up and take notice at all times.

I have set up the original mother counties of Kentucky and their early subdivisions, which might help you, and asked you which ones you are going to visit- at which time I will write further. *I give you date I wish -*

Tennessee was part of North Carolina- and was known as Davidson County, No. Carolina in the early days. You probably know this. West Virginia was Virginia the early day.

With every good wish for a pleasant vacation, and many thanks-

Yours cordially,

Vincent Buckner

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Chestnut Level Churchyard- Lancaster County
Steele Families

William Steel- born 1707- died 1780- age 73 years.
Wife Rachael- " 1726 died 1798 - age 72 years.

Children:- Elizabeth Steel- died 1749 age 20 months
Leah Steel " 1758 age 3 years
Mary Steel " 1764 age 21 months
Rachael Steel " 1764 age 4 years
Joseph Steel " 1771 age 3 years.

(We can read a little story here- and probably a sad one- and no doubt Rachael was his second wife)

William Steel born 1751- died 1822 age 71 years (He could have been son of above William)
Wife Elizabeth Steel born 1755 died 1826 age 71 years.

Son of above- Robert Bailey Steele- died 1795 age 8.

Probably daughter of above- by another wife--

Elizabeth Bailey Steel- dau. of William W. & Isabella Steel- died 1822 age 14.
(Do not understand this)

John James Steel- born 1771- died 1834 age 63 years

Madeline Steel- born 1806 died 1810 age 4

Robert Steel- born 1699 died 1756 age 57 years.

Elizabeth Steel Ankrim- born 1748- died 1833 age 85 years

Rachael Steel- wife of Dr. James Ankrim- born 1781 died 1841 age 60

William Steel- son of James & Rachael Ankrim- died 1825 age 13 years.

The Ankrim family settled in Martic Township, Lancaster County.

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 22, 1947.

Mrs. Vista N. Perdew,
65 Flagg Road,
West Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Perdew:

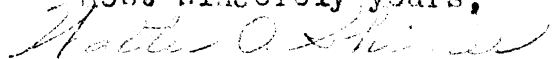
I am wondering if you knew about the Gilbert Buchanan who was in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1760. This Gilbert Buchanan was one of the witnesses to the will of my SAMUEL STEEL (Chester Co. Book 4, p. 219), dated April 23, 1760, proven June 2, 1760, witnessed by: Gilbert Buchanan, James McCormick, and Andrew Gamble.

You may recall that I was hoping that Rev. John Cuthbertson had served as minister to this Presbyterian congregation and may have made entries regarding the Steel Family in his diary.

I have a little additional information on my Daniel McClelland, second son of John and Catherine (Buchanan) Huston-McClelland. Daniel McClelland was married in Pennsylvania (probably near Patterson in Juniata Valley) in 1773 as I have found the 1850 Census record of his eldest daughter, Margaret (McClelland) White in Hopkins Co., Ky., at which time she stated her age as 76 and b. in Pennsylvania. You may recall that in his pension for Rev. War Service, Capt. Daniel McClelland stated that he resided in Guilford County, N. C. in spring of 1776 when he enlisted in Capt. Haban's Co., Col. Montgomery's Regt.; that he returned to Juniata Valley that fall and served thereafter in the Pennsylvania Line and later as captain of Rangers. His eldest child's birth having taken place in Pennsylvania shows that he moved to N. Carolina after his marriage.

There was a John Buchanan who moved down through Augusta County, Virginia, into North Carolina just prior to the Revolution. Sometime in the near future, I plan to make a search of the records for this man. It is possible that Daniel McClelland made his brief sojourn into North Carolina to be with this Buchanan relative.

Most sincerely yours,



Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
April 10, 1949

Mrs. Vista N. Perdue
85 Flagg Road
West Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Perdue:

I received your Christmas Greetings and have been planning to write you for some time. You may recall that back on 23 March 1947, I enquired if you had ever investigated the Gilbert Buchanan in early Chester County, Pa., who was one of the witnesses to the will of my Samuel Steel, will dated April 23, 1760 and proven June 2, 1760. Other witnesses were James McCormick and Andrew Gamble.

From a kinsman of mine who lives at Harrisburg, Pa., I received the following:

"Gilbert Buchanan of East Nottingham, Chester County, Pa., died in 1771. His children were: (1) Walter, (2) Sarah, (3) Agnes, (4) Margaret, (5) Janet.

"Walter Buchanan of Little Britain, Lancaster County, Pa., married Jean McLaughlin, and had the following children:

- (1) Gilbert, born March 12, 1750
- (2) Janet, born January 12, 1752
- (3) Mary, born October 14, 1754
- (4) James, born May 23, 1761
- (5) John, born Aug. 12, 1762
- (6) Sarah, born Dec. 24, 1765
- (7) Margaret born Sept. 10, 1768
- (8) Agnes born Oct. 11, 1770

"Gilbert Buchanan married Sarah Walker and had children:

- (1) Walter, (2) Isaac, (3) James, (4) Sarah, (5) Rebecca.

"Janet Buchanan married James Cleim and had children:

- (1) Walter, (2) Agnes, (3) Joseph, and (4) Jean.

(I think the above data was taken from a report by one Miss Emma M. Campbell of La Jolla, California - you probably have this material.)

I was also interested in the report, same source, on "Walter Buchanan of East Pennsboro Twp., Cumberland County, Pa. married Mary Roney and he died in 1788. The children were: (1) Andrew James, (2) William, (4) Robert, (5) Walter, (6) Elizabeth who married Walter Smith, (7) Janet who married David McClelland, (8) Mary who married William Herron, (9) Margaret who married Hercules Roney, and (10) Ann who married Davidson. I believe there is an error here since Rev. Cuthbertson states

that he married WALTER BUCHANAN and MARY COULTER on April 4, 1784 at Joseph Junkers. Hence it would appear that Walter Buchanan of East Pennsboro had wife Mary Coulter and not Mary Roney.

This kinsman of mine has a copy of the History of the Huston Family, published by E. Rankin Huston of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pa. This Kinsman is related to me through the Koser Family and not through these Scotch-Irish branches. His mother is descended from the Hustons and Eckles while my mother descended from the McClelland and Buchanan families, all these families being mentioned in Rev. Cuthbertson's Diary.

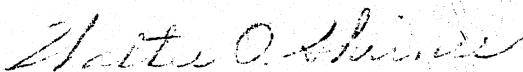
If you have examined the will of that early Gilbert Buchanan in Chester County, Pa., who died in 1771, I am wondering if you noticed whether or not his daughter Agnes was Agnes Steel. My Samuel Steel Jr had wife Agnes but I have never been able to learn her maiden name. Gilbert Buchanan was witness to the will of Samuel Steel Sr in 1760.

I hope to be able to do quite a bit of genealogical work this summer. I plan to drive east through Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, and then up into Pennsylvania.

I know there were Buchanans in Rowan County, North Carolina, where my Steel family removed during the latter part of the Revolutionary War period.

I doubt if I have anything here that you have not already discovered in the Pennsylvania Records.

Yours truly,



Walter O. Shriner

(Mc Clelland, wife)

2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
September 6, 1949

Mrs. Vista N. Perdeu
65 Flagg Road
West Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Perdeu:

Without doubt, you have been wondering what happened to me after I failed to answer your letter of June 11th. Just as we were ready to begin our vacation tour the last week of July, my brother-in-law (husband of my wife's sister) died at Valparaiso, Indiana. This interrupted our plans and delayed our tour.

When we were finally ready to start, I could not find the letter you had written but I did remember that I was going to investigate the early Buchanans in Lawrence County, Illinois. Traveling with my wife and four children (the youngsters range from 20 years to 11 years), I make use of a variety of services in collecting genealogical data. The children usually go to the town library where the eldest two check the county histories for biographical sketches. Mrs. Shriner usually helps me in the court houses, one of us checking the deed records and the other checking the probate records and marriages.

On our first day out, we gave Lawrence County, Illinois, a rather rapid survey, being limited to about six hours. In Kentucky, we made but one stop - that being at Warsaw, the county seat of Gallatin County, Kentucky. As it is quite convenient for us to get to Kentucky at any time, we were anxious to spend most of our time in the Carolinas and Pennsylvania on this tour.

At Lawrenceville, Lawrence County, Illinois, we encountered three distinct families by the name of Buchanan. I note from your letter, that you had good leads on two of these families.

The JOHN BUCHANAN Family

The deed records reveal that John ~~Buchanan~~ Sr., brought his family of eleven children to Lawrence County, Illinois, about the time that that section of the country was opened for settlement. They did not have an "Original Tract Book" in the Deed Records Office but from the various deed records, it appears that John Buchanan had patented an entire section (640 acres) from the Land Office at Vincennes on Aug. 2, 1823 and moved his family into the new territory immediately. I believe the mother of John Buchanan's eleven children had died before the family moved to Lawrence County, Illinois, about 1824. John Buchanan, Sr., married Jane Richardson in Lawrence Co., Illinois, on October 30, 1824. Prior to that time, he had already deeded 480 acres of his patented land to two of his sons. Then, on March 7, 1824, John Buchanan, Sr., and his new wife, Jane Richardson, signed an agreement to quit claim all interest in property which each held prior to their marriage - Deed Bk. A, p. 103.

I understand that you have a copy of the Will left by John Buchanan, Sr. I found no evidence that all of his married daughters came to Lawrence County, Ill. You may wish to check your copy of the will with the record which I obtained. I did not copy the will

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but my wife made an abstract as follows: (when we work together, I usually run the deeds because the books are heavier).

Last Will of John Buchanan, Sr.

Lawrenceville, Lawrence County Court House, Illinois

Will Book A, pp. 116-117

Dated Mar. 22, 1842

Probated Aug. 29, 1843

Witnesses: E.Z. Ryan, Edw. Thorn, James Nabb, William Thorn.

Makes special provision for his wife, Jane, and the three youngest daughters: Nancy Jones, Polly Thompson, and Susan Karnes. He still owned a Lot #24 in Lawrenceville and a 40 acre tract on edge of town. He left \$1 each to the older children. Children named were:

1. son William Buchanan
2. son Joseph R. Buchanan
3. dau Betsy (Elizabeth) Andrew
4. son John Buchanan, Jr.
5. dau Margaret Wright
6. dau. Jane Long (deceased)
7. dau Ruhany Cissel (deceased)
8. dau Ann Garner (usually spelled Gardner)
9. dau Nancy Jones
10. dau Polly (Mary) Thompson
11. dau Susan Karnes.

Inventory of estate was made by Valentine Karnes & James Thompson

The marriage records of Lawrence County, Illinois, include the following for the above children:

John Buchanan Sr. married Jane Richardson on Oct. 20, 1824.
Jane Buchanan married John G. Long on Oct. 4, 1826.
Ann Buchanan married John Gardner on Nov. 24, 1831.
John Buchanan, Jr., married Malinda Moaler on Aug. 31, 1833.
Susan Buchanan married Harris Karnes on Aug. 25, 1839.
(my wife checked marriages to 1840 only)
Rebecca Buchanan married Varnel Jourdan on May 19, 1825.
(I think this was a daughter who died early without issue
(and not named in the will. Note use of name Varnel by Wm)

Deed records by John Buchanna, Sr., in Lawrence Co., Illinois:

Bk A., p. 51 "On Apr. 17, 1824, John Buchanan Sr of Lawrence Co., Ill., sold Joseph R. Buchanan for \$100, 320 acres which had been patented to John Buchanan, Sr., on Aug. 2, 1823 at Vincennes Land Office.
Wt.: Valentine J. Bradley, JP.

Bk A., p. 50 "On Apr. 20, 1824, John Buchanan Sr of Lawrence Co., Ill., sold John Buchanan Jr for \$100, 160 acres which had been patented to John Buchanan Sr on Aug. 2, 1823 at Vincennes Land Office.
Wts.: Valentine J. Bradley and J. L. Compton.

Bk A., p.144 "On Sept. 26, 1825, Joseph R. Buchanan, Jr., and wife, Polly G., sold John Buchanan Sr for \$600, 160 acres, part of that tract which John Buchanan Sr had sold to Joseph on Apr. 20, 1824.
Wts.: F. W. Gilham and Robert Kennedy.

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- Bk A., p.381 "On July 8, 1826, John Buchanan Sr (no wife signed) sold for \$600, to James Fyffe, also of Lawrence Co., Ill., the 160 acres first sold to Joseph R. Buchanan and then sold back to John Buchanan Sr. Wt.: James M. McLean.
- Bk A., p.141 "On Feb. 14, 1827, John Buchanan Sr bought a tract in the Town of Lawrenceville for \$200 of Robert B. Marney & wife Sarah E.
- Bk A., p.262 "On Aug. 15, 1829, John Buchanan Sr bought 20 acres adjoining Town of Lawrenceville for \$262.50 of James M. McLean & wife, Rebecca.
- BK B., p.28-9 "On Sept. 25, 1830, John Buchanan Sr and wife, Jane, of Lawrence Co., Ill., sold 20 acres to Eliza Ann Marney, adjoining that already sold to John Buchanan, Jr., and adding to the tract John Buchanan sold to Robert B. Marney on Mar. 27, 1828. Wts: H.M. Gilham, Jonathan Marney, Jacob Trout.
- Bk B., p.154 "On Oct. 21, 1834, John Buchanan Sr and wife Jane, of Lawrence Co., Ill., sold John Garner 100 acres for \$1.00. (John Gardner had married Ann Buchanan on Nov. 24, 1831) Tws.: P. Strother, Josiah Fish.
- Bk B., p.156 "On July 1, 1835, John Buchanan, Sr., and wife Jane, of Lawrence Co., Ill., sold James M. McLean 3 acres for \$12.00.
- Bk.B., p. 250 "On Feb. 25, 1836, John Buchanan bought a tract adjoining Town of Lawrenceville for \$400 from John Mienre & wife Mary Ann.
- Bk B., p. ~~279~~ "On Jan. 7, 1836, John Buchanan Sr & wife Jane of Law. Co., sold Abner Greer & John Mieuire, as tenants in common, for \$1000 a 375 acre tract except for parts previously sold to John Garner and James M. McLean.
- ~~BK B. p. 385 "On Apr. 3, 1837, John Buchanan Sr and wife Jane of Law. Co., sold William Buchanan 40 acres for \$50. Wt.: A. S. Badollett~~
- Bk B., p. 350 "On Apr. 25, 1837, John Buchanan bought 80 acres for \$500 of Mary Long, both of Lawrence Co., Ill.
- Bk.C., p. 67, "On Nov. 23, 1838, John Buchanan Sr., and wife Jane, sold James M. McLean 160 acres for \$100. Wt. S.S. Badollet.

Note: This James M. McLean must have married a daughter of John Buchanan's second wife, Jane Richardson.

Bk.B. p. 74, "On Dec. 28, 1833, Joseph R. Buchanan and wife, Hannah, of Vigo County, Indiana (Terre Haute is county seat), sold John Gray of Lawrence Co., Ill., his land in Lawrence Co for \$200. Wts: C. Gilbert, Peter B. Allen. (Note: Joseph's first wife, Polly G., was dead and Joseph had remarried and removed to Vigo Co., Indiana.

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Deed Bk B., p. 305, "On Jan 2, 1837, John Buchanan Jr and wife Malinda, of Lawrence Co., Ill., sold their 160 acres for \$950 to John T. Vandeventer. Wt. E. Z. Ryan.

Last Will of WILLIAM BUCHANAN of Lawrence Co., Illinois.
Lawrenceville, Lawrence County Court House, Illinois
Will Book A, pp. 256-7.
Dated April 13, 1852
Probated April 19, 1855
Wts: William S. Hennessy, Emma Jane Gardner

Left one-third of his real and personal estate to his wife, not named, and two-thirds to his three sons;

1. son, Joseph Buchanan
 2. son, Varnel Buchanan
 3. son, David Buchanan, who seems to have run away from home and was not to inherit unless he came home to live.
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Note: William Buchanan, son of John Buchanan, Sr, is the only man by that name who appears in the deed records of Lawrence Co., Illinois, prior to 1840. Therefore, I think the above William with will in 1855 is the son of John Buchanan, Sr.

This Buchanan tribe settled in and around the Town of Lawrenceville, Ill. There were only three sons: William, Joseph, and John Jr. Joseph moved to Vigo County, Ind.; John Jr sold out in 1837 and I am of the opinion that he moved to another section of the country.

In the biographical sketches of Lawrence County, there are no Buchanan names mentioned which belong to this family.

It is quite likely that some of the daughters and their families remained in Lawrence County, Illinois. It would take additional research to determine that issue.

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Terre Haute, Indiana
September 7, 1949

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65 Flagg Road
West Hartford 7, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Perdew:

In a letter, written yesterday, I wrote an account of the family of John Buchanan, Sr., who settled in Lawrence County, Ky., about the time that section of the country was opened to settlement. I note that this John Buchanan descends from the early Arthur Buchanan in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania.

At this time, I am presenting a report on the family of Victor Buchanan who also settled in Lawrence County, Illinois, about the same time. This family settled in and around the Town of Dennison and is still very prominent in Lawrence County, Illinois. That Cemetery of which you wrote is the "BUCHANNAN CEMETERY" and contains the graves of practically all of the members of this family. The History of Lawrence County, Illinois, has many sketches on members of this family and these include a brief history of the family back to the immigrant, William Buchanan, who settled in Pennsylvania. It is further claimed that William Buchanan, the immigrant, had two brothers who also came to America; John Buchanan who settled in Halifax and James Buchanan who settled in Virginia. 1750 is the date they give for the date the three brothers left Scotland. Since you know about this family in York County, Pa., you will be able to check on the accuracy of these historical sketches. These sketches go on to state that William Buchanan had two sons; John and Victor and that Victor (born in Pennsylvania) removed to Kentucky and then to Illinois. They also state that Victor had two wives. His first wife was Mary Allison who bore him three sons. The second wife was Rebecca Whittaker, and she bore him a number of children. Victor Buchanan, Sr., left a will in Lawrence Co., Ill., but it does not name at least two of the sons by the first wife, and those which are named are not in chronological order. It will most likely take the 1850 Census records to get their chronological order or the Cemetery records may do the trick. Many of the children of Victor Buchanan, Sr., were married in Kentucky, and some of them took out patented land in their own names.

I note that Victor Buchanan Sr. had settled in Trimble Co., Ky. I did not get to Trimble County on our recent tour but I did stop at Warsaw, on the Ohio, and county seat of Gallatin Co. I wanted to get the will of Joseph Holmes McClelland, the son of Capt. Daniel McClelland, and grandson of Catherine (Buchanan-Huston) McClelland. Joseph H. McClelland had married Mary, the daughter of William Winslow, in Gallatin Co., on Feb. 17, 1816. In running those records, I came across deed transactions by Victor Buchanan & second wife, Rebecca. Since these are earlier than the records in Lawrence Co., Illinois, I shall present them first.

Deed Bk A 1, p. 35 Gallatin Co., "On Oct. 17, 1799, Victor Buchanan and the heirs of Sampson Armstrong bought 200 acres on Ohio River for 60 £ from David Laughhead and wife Elizabeth of Fayette Co., Ky. Wts: Thomas Woodfolk, Joseph Hunter, George Joses,

Deed Bk C 1, p. 547 Gallatin Co., "On May 14, 1818, Victor Buchanan and wife Rebecca, sold William Winslow 5 acres at Port William for

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the sum of \$120. I think Port William was the early name for Warsaw. I was not able to find any other deed reference for Victor Buchanan. What happened to the other 195 acres? Do you know about the Sampson Armstrong heirs connection?

After removing to Lawrence County, Illinois, about 1824, this Buchanan Family did not buy and sell much land. As there is no "Tract Book" at Lawrenceville, one needs to wait until the early settlers sold their land or died to get the date of warrants. The only early deeds by Victor Buchanan, Sr., are as follows:

Deed Bk A., p. 114, "On Aug. 3, 1825, Victor Buchanan and wife Rebecca sold ~~Thomas~~ Buchanan, all of Lawrence Co., Ill., 54 acres for \$108 (\$2 per acre) in Sec. 20, etc. It gave a description of the land but not the origin but it must have been by patent. Wts: Elisha Warden and Lambert Boneau.

Deed Bk A., p. 122, "On Aug. 3, 1825, Victor Buchanan and wife Rebecca sold Thomas Buchanan, all of Lawrence Co., Ill., 52 acres for \$104 (\$2 per acre) in Sec. 20, etc. Again, the tract was identified by location rather than by origin. Same date as above and same witnesses: Elisha Warden and Lambert Boneau.

Deed Bk A., p. 438, "On Dec. 25, 1830, Victor Buchanan & wife Rebecca sold Victor Buchanan Jr, all of Lawrence Co., Ill., 55 acres for \$100, described similar to those above. Wt: Thomas Buchanan,

There are no further deeds by members of this family until:
Deed Bk C., p. 88, "On Dec. 27, 1838, Thomas Buchanan & wife Elizabeth sold Isaac Bennett (Preacher and son-in-law of Thomas) 20 acres for \$26.10. Wt: Victor Buchanan, Jr.

The youngest son, James H. Buchanan, received the home place of 160 acres by terms of Victor's Will. The only son not to have rec'd land from Victor Buchanan, Sr., was William and I do not think that he ever left Kentucky.

In a historical sketch written by the grandson of Thomas, it is stated that Thomas was the third son and his mother was Mary. Neither Walter nor Thomas were named in their father's will. William was named but at the end along with son-in-law, David Marry. In the will, Victor Buchanan, Sr., left his wagons to the sons living in Lawrence Co. That would indicate that one son was not living in Lawrence Co. All of the others were there. Most of the sons were living in the Town of Dennison. I would guess that they were operating wagon trains, etc. Yet, all of them owned some land and their land was adjacent. For example, in the will of James H. Buchanan, he describes his land as "Commencing at the Buchanan Graveyard on the Lawrenceville-Mt. Carmel Road, adjoining the farms of Brother Thomas Buchanan and that of Brother Walter Buchanan." The wills of Thomas, Walter, and Victor Jr all state that they live in the Town of Dennison. All four of these brothers who settled in Lawrence Co., Ill., left wills as did their father, Victor Buchanan, Sr.

I shall now list these wills as they were abstracted by my wife;

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Last Will of VICTOR BUCHANAN, Sr.
Lawrenceville, Lawrence Co Court House, Illinois
Will Book A, pp. 113-114
Dated April 15, 1859
Probated May 1, 1843
Wts: Alford M. Grass & John H. Morris
Executors: wife Rebecca and son Victor Jr.

Left the 160 acre home place to son, James Buchanan, with specified payments to be made to the following children:

1. dau. Elizabeth Bell
2. dau. Rebecca Galloway (She married A.J. Galloway on Nov. 22, 1838)
3. son James Buchanan
4. son Victor Buchanan Jr
5. son William Buchanan
6. son-in-law David Marny.

He left his wagons to those sons living in the county.

It would appear that all of the above children were married in Kentucky except Rebecca who was most likely the youngest.

Last will of WALTER BUCHANAN (most likely the 2nd son)
Lawrenceville, Lawrence Co Court House, Illinois
Will Bk B, p. 417
Dated May 22, 1879
Probated Feb. 25, 1881 (He died Jan. 31, 1881)
Wts: Thomas Taylor and Augustus Knight

Stated that he lived in Dennison, Lawrence Co., Illinois, and left the old Family Bible to eldest son, John G. Buchanan. Named the children as follows:

1. son, John G. Buchanan (born in 1828, m. Hannah Knight)
2. son, Robert Buchanan
3. dau, Elizabeth Tanguary
4. son, Victor Buchanan
5. son, Hiram Buchanan
6. son, Isaac Buchanan, deceased leaving

- (1) Adeline
- (2) Gus S. (Augustus)
- (3) Mary C.
- (4) Clyde H.
- (5) Rosa M.

Mother of these children was Marie M. Graham who married second Aaron B. Buchanan, cousin of her first husband.

Note: Walter B. Buchanan married Jane Gillespie on Jan. 24, 1825 in Lawrence Co., Illinois.

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Last Will of THOMAS BUCHANAN, the third son
Lawrenceville, Lawrence Co Court House, Illinois
Will Book B, p. 310-313
Dated May 23, 1860
Probated Dec. 14, 1876

Wts: Victor Buchanan Sr (brother) and James M. Buchanan (nephew)

Stated that he lived in Dennison, Lawrence County, Illinois,
and made provision for his wife, Elizabeth, and ten children:

1. Aaron Bliss Buchanan (born 1835, one of the youngest)
2. Rebecca Maxwell, widow of
3. Elizabeth Gould (she married Aaron J. Gould on May 1, 1834)
4. Mary McGahey
5. Eveline Selby.
6. Robert A. Buchanan (married Jane B. Maxwell on Nov. 28, 1839)
7. John J. Buchanan
8. Caroline Bennett (married Isaac Bennet, preacher, on July 5, 1836)
9. Victor B. Buchanan
10. William T. Buchanan

Note: These children were not named in the will in the order of their birth. It was Aaron Bliss Buchanan who gave the most on the early genealogy of the family in the historical sketches. He was born after some of his sisters were married. Aaron was married twice: first to Margaret Dennison and second to Marie M. Graham, widow of his cousin, Isaac Buchanan.

Have you noticed the middle initial of many of these men being B ? Aaron Bliss Buchanan would indicate that the middle B stood for Bliss. There was a Stephen Bliss who married many of these children and he was a Presbyterian minister. Is there another connection?

Last Will of VICTOR BUCHANAN, JR, the fourth son
Lawrenceville, Lawrence Co, Illinois
Will Book B, pp. 428-429
Dated May 12, 1879
Probated Apr. 28, 1881
Wts: Samuel Ellridge Smith and Augustus Knight

Stated that he lived in Dennison, Lawrence County, Illinois,
and provided for his wife, Eveline, and nine children as follows:

1. son, James M. Buchanan
2. son, Jesse J. Buchanan
3. dau. Ruth Ann Selby
4. dau. Serelda Harding
5. dau. Caroline Adams
6. dau. Phebe E. Passmore
7. dau. Julia E. Harrington
8. dau. Amanda Buchanan
9. dau. America Taylor (deceased) leaving
 - (1) Archie Taylor
 - (2) Jesse Taylor
 - (3) Ruth Taylor

Executors: The two sons: James M. Buchanan & Jesse J. Buchanan
Note: I doubt if this is the chronological order of the children.

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Last Will of JAMES H. BUCHANAN, youngest son (born in 1813 in Ky)
Lawrenceville, Lawrence Co., Illinois
Will Book B., pp. 202-3
Dated Aug. 27, 1870
Probated Apr. 23, 1872
Wts: Isaac Buchanan, Thomas Taylor, James M. Buchanan

Names his wife, Martha (She was Martha Knight), and describes his farm as commencing at Buchanan Graveyard on the Lawrenceville-Mt. Carmel Road, and adjoining the farms of his brothers Thomas and Walter Buchanan. (These two brothers were not named in the father's will but are named as brothers by James H. Buchanan in his will) He then names his seven children (The historical account by his son, John H. Jr., states that there were 13 children and that his father served in the Black Hawk War for which he received 40 acres bounty).

1. son, Truman S. Buchanan
2. son, James H. Buchanan, Jr.
3. dau. Orenda Buchanan
4. dau. Mary A Gillespie (married)
5. dau. Lora, deceased with heirs (not named in will)
6. dau. Hannah Buchanan
7. dau. Harriett Jane Buchanan.

Note: These children are not in order. James H. Buchanan, Jr., states in the historical account that he was the 11th child and that he was born Oct. 8, 1852 and that his father was born in 1813 in Ky to Victor, son of immigrant William. In these historical accounts, they all stated that they were Presbyterians and Republicans - just following the Civil War, of course.

In one of the accounts regarding Thomas, it is stated that he served for three years in the War of 1812, enlisting at age 17 years. Thos. was 82 when he died, therefore born about 1794. Another account states that Thomas was born in 1797. This will need to be checked for accuracy.

After we had left Lawrenceville, my eldest daughter stated that the Librarian had told her that there was a man in that community who was quite interested in the early history of Lawrence County and had considerable data on the early Buchanans. She didn't get the name. There are quite a few gaps in this data. The marriages were only collected to 1840. That date didn't catch a lot of the grandchildren of Victor Buchanan, Sr.

In Probate Order Bk A., page 107. I found that on Nov. 26, 1845, GEORGE BUCHANAN was appointed guardian of Leander Buchanan. I found no other reference to these names. I did not have time to follow this reference through the Court Minutes.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

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May 15, 1949

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Dear Mrs. Perdeu:

I was very happy to receive your letter of 8 May 1949 and I shall proceed to make a few comments on various families as follows:

The HUSTON Family

The "Huston Family History" which I mentioned in my previous letter was compiled in 1912 by Mr. E. Rankin Huston, late of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and a descendant of the pioneer Samuel Huston of Eastpennsboro Twp. The author of the history states that much of the early history on the Cumberland County Hustons was taken from an old record of his grandfather's back in 1855 but that the old record had disappeared. Various chapters in this 1912 edition deals with other Huston Families which had first settled in various parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.

The only copy of the 1912 edition which my kinsman, Mr. Thomas M. Koser of Harrisburg, was able to locate is in the possession of Mr. Charles Troup, of the Troup Music House, Market Square, Harrisburg. Mr. Koser reports that to get a typewritten copy for his own, he was required to carry his typewriter to the Troup Music House and type his copy on the premises. The task took him several weeks.

Knowing my interest in learning the first name of the first husband of my Catherine Buchanan, who later married John McClelland about 1750, Mr. Koser made a special search of the chapters on the Cumberland County Huston families. All he found in that connection was a statement that there existed a relationship between the McClelland and Huston Families by inter-marriage. The three main Huston lines in early Cumberland County were the brothers, Christopher Huston and Samuel Huston, and the family of the sister, Janet Huston, who had married John Clendonin.

This kinsman of mine, Mr. Thomas McCarrell Koser, and I are related on the paternal sides. These paternal lines are German stock, usually referred to as Pennsylvania Dutch. Both our mothers were of Scotch-Irish stock but the nearest we have discovered common interest in these lines appears in the Huston Family and that family is not my direct descent.

There is one interesting thing that has come to my attention - some early Scotch-Irish data appears in the early Lutheran and Reformed Church Records. In checking through the "Rev. Johan Casper Stoever Records, Baptisms and Marriages, 1730-1769" on file at Harrisburg in the State Library, Mr. Koser came across the following Scotch-Irish items. Thinking that I

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might be interested, he took them down. I would have preferred Buchanan items. It is quite likely that Mr. Koser, being a Huston descendant, took the items for his own collection. The important fact is that a considerable number of Scotch-Irish marriages and baptisms appear in the private diary of this early Lutheran pastor and founder of churches in eastern Pennsylvania. Among the Huston items found were the following:

1. Sarah Hueston, daughter of Robert Hueston of Codorus, born April, 1735, baptised Oct. 21, 1736. Witnesses were Jacob Rudesilie and wife Elizabetha. Ref. page 11.
2. Andrew Hueston, son of Robert Hueston and resident of Codorus, born Sept. 18, 1739; baptised May 30, 1740. Witnesses were Andrew McGill and his wife Mary. Ref. page 11.
3. Married August 26, 1759, Robert Hueston and Elizabeth Wacker (probably Walker) of Nanover and Derry. Ref. page 68.
4. Married Aug. 2, 1738, John Montgomery and Esther Hueston of Earl Twp. (This was probably Lancaster Co. - the Diary would likely reveal localities as it would show time periods which Rev. Johan Casper Stoever spent in various sections).

The BUCHANAN Family

As you already know, it was not until recent years that I have known that I am a member of the Buchanan family. And since learning that fact, I have had little opportunity to search the records in Eastern United States. I am certain that I wrote you that Gilbert Buchanan was a witness to the Will written by my early Samuel Steel in Chester Co., Pa., in 1760.

Which one of the Buchanans who settled in York Co., Pa., had a son George Buchanan? In the Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana, published 1938, p. 75, there appears the soldier: "GEORGE BUCHANAN, born 1761 in Pa.; served in the 4th Penn. Line as private 1777-1781, 4 years, and died in Jefferson or Ripley Co., Indiana. Authority for data- A. L. Buchanan or Larned, Kansas." This soldier married Esther Campbell. Children were: Mary, born 1764 married George Benefel; Harriet, born 1768 married McLaughlin; Margaret, born 1770 and married John Cowan; William born 1771; David born 1774; Wilson born 1775; and John born 1778.

In this same reference, page 127, there is the listing of DAVID DOUGLASS, born 1758; commissioned ensign 2nd Co., 8th Bat., York Co., Penn. Militia, June 7, 1779, Capt. Thomas Warren, John LLaird commanding officer. In active service until the close of the war. Soldier was married first to JEAN BUCHANAN (no children), married second to Elizabeth Reay, and had six children. This soldier settled in Logansport, Cass Co., Ind., where he died 1839. The first wife, Jean Buchanan, must have been a member of one of the Marsh Creek Buchanan families.

It looks most likely that my Catherine Buchanan-Huston-McClelland was the daughter of James and Janet (Dunning) Buchanan. After her marriage to John McClelland, she lived among the Cumberland County

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Buchanans. Her eldest daughter by her Huston husband was named Jane or Janet. She named two sons by name James, though neither lived to maturity. There is also evidence that her second husband, John McClelland, may have lived in the vicinity of Paxtang, now Harrisburg, before settling in East Pennsboro Twp., Cumberland Co. It appears most likely that the Mary McClelland who became the second wife of James Brown about 1753 and settled on Conedoguinet Creek, near my John McClelland, was his sister. Her children were: Daniel (died at age two), William, James, Alexander, Daniel (second), and Mary. We know that this James Brown was from Paxtang.

I shall be very glad to make the search of records in Lawrence County, Illinois, if you will send me the names of the persons and the nature of the data wanted. Lawrence County, Ill., lies just across the Wabash River from Vincennes and is not far from Terre Haute.

I was glad to get your comment that the Walter Buchanan who married Mary Roney lived and died on Marsh Creek. I did not think that there was any record of two early Walter Buchanans in East Pennsboro Twp., Cumberland County, and I had seen the record where Rev. Cuthbertson married Walter Buchanan to Mary Coulter in 1755.

The STEEL (Steele) Family

I was happily surprised to learn that you had collected much data on the Steel families in Virginia and await your report with interest. My own direct branch moved from Chester County, Pa., direct to Rowan County, North Carolina, but I knew that other branches had stopped in Virginia. I think more than half of these Steel families from Chester Co., Pa., settled in North Carolina. The most outstanding characteristic of my Steel families was the tendency to carry on the name of Nenian or Ninian. Of course, Samuel, Robert, James, and Joseph were used along with name John. However, such names were rather common to all families.

My first Steel ancestor to arrive in Indiana was Nenian Steele, born in Chester Co., Pa., on June 14, 1763; married Jane Armstrong on Mar. 5, 1784 (I never found the marriage recorded except in the family records); they removed to Bourbon Co., Ky., in 1805; removed to Ohio Co., Ky., about 1811; removed to Davies Co., Indiana, about 1815; settled in Owens Co., Indiana, in 1830 where he died Mar. 10, 1831. His wife, Jane Armstrong, was born Oct. 13, 1763 and she died Jan. 23, 1836. They had a family of ten children:

1. JAMES ARMSTRONG STEELE, born Dec. 11, 1784; married Anna Johnston in Bourbon Co., Ky., on Dec. 5, 1805, and he died Dec. 29, 1835.
2. Mary Ann Steele, born Oct. 21, 1788; married George Couthman in Bourbon Co., Ky., on Dec. 8, 1807, and died Nov. 28, 1830.
3. Samuel Steele born Nov. 13, 1790; married Jane ..., 2nd, Polly (Donavan) Montgomery, and he died in 1860.
4. Elizabeth Steele, born Feb. 8, 1793; married Elisha Bradley in Bourbon Co., Ky., on Sept. 29, 1810 and remained in Kentucky.
5. Jesse Steele, born Feb. 7, 1795; married Jane Young Fain in Owen Co., Ind., on Dec. 13, 1821 and he died Jan. 23, 1844.
6. Margaret Osborn Steele, born Apr. 6, 1798; married Rev. John M. Dickey in Davies Co., Ind., on Apr. 2, 1818 and she died Oct. 24, 1847.

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7. Nancy Steele, born July 6, 1800; married Isaac Westfall in Owen Co., Indiana, on Feb. 13, 1823; and she died in Mar., 1860.
8. Joseph Howe Steele, born April 6, 1802; married Margaret Killough in Owen Co., Ind., on Mar. 23, 1826 and she died Apr. 26, 1833.
9. Nenian Steele, Jr., born Oct. 21, 1804 in Bourbon Co., Ky., married Johanna Westfall in Owen Co., Ind., on Oct. 4, 1825; died after 1860.
10. Robert Armstrong Steele, born Dec. 6, 1806 in Bourbon Co., Ky., married Nancy B. Payne in Owen Co., Ind., on Nov. 10, 1829; married second Jane R. Warren in Edgar Co., Ill., on Jan. 29, 1846; died June, 1851.

I descend through the oldest son named in the above list - the son, James Armstrong Steele, born Dec. 11, 1784, who married Anna Johnston shortly after arriving in Bourbon Co., Ky.; James Armstrong Steele served as Lieut., 73rd Kentucky Militia Regt under Col. John Davies. He had eleven children, my line being son, William Lindsay Steele, born Mar. 30, 1814 in Knox Co., (now Davies Co.), Indiana Territory, and this son was named for the Revolutionary soldier, William Lindsay, who also settled in Knox Co., having been born April 18, 1760 in Chester Co., Pa. I have never learned if William Lindsay was related. He may have been a boyhood friend of the grandfather, Ninian Steele. However, James Armstrong Steele is the first member of the Steele family to have left the Presbyterian fold. His wife, Anna Johnston, was a Methodist and James Armstrong became a Methodist. Many of his children later went back to the Presbyterian fold.

We do not know exactly when the parents of Nenian Steele (1763-1831) left Chester County, Pa., and settled in Rowan County, N. C. The father, Samuel Steel, applied for a tract of land in 1782 and he acquired title in 1784. Samuel Steel had served in the Chester Co Militia prior to going to Rowan Co., N.C. Samuel Steel had married Agnes (last name unknown) and he died in Rowan Co., N. C., leaving a will which was proven Feb. 1790, naming his wife, Agnes, and six children. His will was witnessed by Jane Endsley, ---- Endsley, Jr., and Samuel Young. These witnesses may have been related to Agnes. The widow later accompanied the older sons to Kentucky and she died Mar. 6, 1814 and was buried in the Pisgah Church Cemetery, Woodford Co., Ky. The six children of SAMUEL AND AGNES () STEEL were:

1. Robert Steel, born Feb. 15, 1757 in Chester Co., Pa., married Sarah Stuart in Rowan Co., N.C., on Nov. 21, 1787. This family removed to Bourbon Co., Ky., about 1802 along with mother and brother Nenian. Robert Steel died in Bourbon Co., Ky., on Aug. 3, 1808, leaving seven children: (1) Elizabeth, (2) Samuel, (3) Agnes, (4) Jane, (5) William, (6) Nenian, and (7) Robert.
2. James Steel, born about 1760 in Chester Co., Pa., married Esther Dickey in Rowan Co., N.C., on Mar. 12, 1788. Samuel Steel was bondsman. This son removed to Houston, Tennessee where he died. Children reported to have been Samuel, Richard, James, Abby, and Nancy.
3. Nenian Steele, one of first in family to have added the final e in the name. Was the earliest married. My line and already given. I have never definitely placed his wife, Jane Armstrong, in any of the Armstrong families. Probably Armstrongs of Chester Co., Pa.

Mrs. Perdew - May 15, 1949.

4. Samuel Steel, born Jan. 1, 1765; inherited one-half of the father's farm in Rowan Co., N.C. According to family records, he never married and died Aug. 18, 1847 in Missouri and was buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, 10 miles east of Springfield, Missouri.
5. William Steel, born; inherited the other half of the home farm in Rowan Co., N.C. He never married but lived with his spinster sister to whom he willed his farm for life to her on Apr. 16, 1816. Will was proven May term 1816 so it is likely he made the will on his deathbed. In the will, he provided that the estate, following his sister's death, be divided among the children of brothers, Robert, James, and Nenian. This provision in the will substantiates the family record that the three younger members of this family never married.
6. Elizabeth Steel, born; was left provided for during her natural life by will of brother William. She died just prior to the Civil War - This farm was near Greensborough, N. C., now in Rockingham Co. When the Civil War was over, no nephews or nieces ever made claim to the farm.

Up to this point, my Steel ancestry is quite definite and has been thoroughly checked and substantiated. Beyond this, older generations have left records which I haven't been over ready to accept. The descendants of Margaret Osborn Steele, daughter of Nenian (1763-1831), who married Rev. John McElroy Dickey, kept very complete records on both the Steel and Dickey Families. This family claim that the Samuel Steel (1763-1790) who married Agnes and removed to Rowan County, N.C., around 1768 from Chester Co., Pa., was the son of Samuel and Anne (Futhey) Steel of Chester Co., Pa., the man who left the will dated Apr. 3, 1760 and proven June 2, 1760. In this will, the wife Anne was named along with children: (1) Robert, (2) Ruth, (3) Jane, (4) Samuel, (5) Frances, (6) Joseph, (7) Nenian, (8) James, (9) Ann, and (10) Elizabeth. Witnesses were: Gilbert Buchanan, James McCormick, and Andrew Gamble.

However, there was a Nenian Steel (most likely a brother) who died in Chester Co., Pa., in 1745 whose children were about the same age. This Nenian Steel left wife, Mary, and children: (1) Robert, (2) Martha, (3) Samuel, (4) Susannah, (5) Nenian, and one child unborn - which was probably William.

Many of the children of both these two families appear later in Virginia and North Carolina. The earliest of these to leave Chester County were probably those of Nenian Steel who died in 1745. The names of the children of Samuel and Anne (Futhey) Steel most nearly represent those carried on in my family. This may be what deterained the earlier decisions of the Dickey branch in writing their records. Much is made of the Futhey connection by these early generations.

Early land records of Chester Co show that Samuel Steel had surveys made as early as 1731 and with Samuel there appeared John Steel, William Steel, and Nenian Steel (Nenian first appeared in Lancaster with a warrant for 100 acres in 1743.

According to the story handed down, Anne Futhey, who married Samuel Steel who died in 1780, was the daughter of Robert Futhey who settled in Chester County, Pa., in 1735. Here is the way this early family history gives the children:

1. Robert Steel, born in 1727; married Jane Chambers, dau of Henry Chambers, in Chester Co., Pa.; removed to Rowan Co., N. C., and on Aug. 28, 1762, received a warrant for 208 acres. Robert left a Will, dated Aug. 10, 1781, naming his sons: (1) Nenian, (2) Henry, (3) Robert, (4) Samuel, (5) James - didn't name the daughters but stated they were to share equally with the sons.
2. Ruth Steel, born in 1739; married cousin Samuel Futhey in Jan. 1850 and settled in southern part of Chester County, Pa.
3. Jane Steel, born in 1731; married George Campbell and he died in Mar. 1812. Had eight children and they removed to N. C.
4. Samuel Steel, born in 1733; married Agnes about 1755 and they lived in Chester County during most of the Rev. War period; then moved to Third Creek, Rowan Co., N.C. This family given in detail in earlier part of this letter.
5. Frances Steel, though to be younger and out of order in the list of children named in the will of father Samuel. She may have remained unmarried as the will provided her with household goods.
6. Joseph Steel, no record - may have settled in Virginia.
7. James Steel, married Isabella Reed and removed to West Va.
8. Nenian Steel, born Dec. 34, 1718; married Elizabeth Chambers, sister of Robert Steel's wife, in Rowan Co. N.C. on Mar. 13, 1770. He was a soldier in N.C. Militia. ~~MINIBUSIN, Nenian Steel, was a capt in.~~ Nenian, son of Samuel, died Dec. 30, 1813 in Iredell Co., formerly part of Rowan, and left children: (1) Samuel, (2) James, (3) Jean, (4) Henry, (5) Joseph, (6) Ann, (7) Elizabeth.
9. Anne Steel, no record
10. Elizabeth Steel, no record.

As you can see from this report, most of these branches moved to Rowan County, North Carolina, some prior to the Revolution and some afterward.

There was another Nenian Steel who married Agnes Graham in Rowan Co., N.C., on Mar. 31, 1768 with consent of Richard Graham. The bondsmen were Robert Steel and William Knox. This was most likely the son of Nenian Steel and wife Mary, who died in 1748. This Nenian Steel died in 1780, killed in service. His widow left a will in 1785 and named the children: (1) Agnes, (2) John, (3) Nenian, (4) Mary, (5) Richard, (6) ~~John~~. This man was a captain in the Militia.

I hope you will pardon this rather lengthy report on my Steel Family.

Sincerely yours,

MEMORANDUM

BUCHANAN IMMIGRANTS

AND
THEIR ALLIED FAMILIES

65 FLAGG ROAD
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

Sept. 10th, 1949.

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

Thank you and your family for the comprehensive reports on the Lawrenceville Buchanans along the Wabash. While I have not yet had time to sit down and coordinate with my records, I can readily see several pieces slip into place in our jig-saw puzzle.

Probably one of the most significant points is that your Holmes family which you traced in Kentucky- descendants of Catherine-Huston-Buchanan McClellan had dealings with descendants of Victor Buchanan - and which helps to substantiate the implication which I have always had - that they ensued from brother Buchanan immigrants in Pennsylvania. I shall write further in regard to this point.

At the present time we have guests here which take all my time- but there will be a time in the near future which will give me time to get busy on this genealogical work.

Again many thanks to you all-

Cordially

Vista Perdue

VISTA NICHOLS PERDEW
HISTORIAN

MEMORANDUM

BUCHANAN IMMIGRANTS

AND

THEIR ALLIED FAMILIES

65 FLAGG ROAD

WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

Dec. 19th. 1949.

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

Just few words at this lovely Christmas season to let you know how much I appreciate your interest and assistance the past year.

The data which you sent from Illinois and Kentucky is most acceptable, altho I have not as yet had time to comment on it in detail and report on the results- but you will some of these days. I refer to it every few days, and it has helped me to make some final decisions regarding the forbears in Pennsylvania.

I was out during the latter part of October in West Virginia and Ohio along the Ohio River about three weeks- about as long as I can stay away from home at one time. I picked a lot of odds and ends. Did considerable on some families of Holmes in and around Carlisle, Penn., and wondered if they could have any connection with your Holmes who married into the McClellan family.

Well- hear a little and there a little- we are accumulating data which is going to be quite valuable some day as it is so very authentic.

With many good wishes to you and yours for a pleasant Christmas and joyous 1950--

Vista Perdeu.

VISTA NICHOLS PERDEW
HISTORIAN

2344 Berryhill Street
Melrose Gardens
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
19 March 1949

Dr. Walter O. Shriner
2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Dr. Shriner:

Having received your letter of 17 March 49 in this morning's mail, I checked again in the History of the Huston Families, the complete copy which I have here at home. I especially checked to see if I could find for you the name of Catherine (Buchanan) Huston's husband...it is not listed. Undoubtedly because she married John McClelland about 1749 and the name through intermarriages may have changed thru female lines several times the genealogist of the Huston, E. Rankin Huston, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pa., did not get their record. BUT, I am going to pick out early parts of it in an effort to help you solve that question. The name Buchanan and McClelland is mentioned and it further goes on to say that their families probably were intermarried, but gives nothing definite. (1) Jane Huston married to John Eliot a Rev. War soldier is not mentioned nor is (2) Sarah Huston who married Andrew Douglass. E. Rankin Huston says in the Preface of his book that the history may not be complete, but that he exerted every effort to compile it as best he good. The history is an excellent one, I think, but as I say he probably was not lucky enough to get that branch's records.

When Cumberland County was formed in 1750, there were among the taxables within its territory a Christopher Huston and a Samuel Huston, as appears by the records in the Commissioner's Office at Carlisle. Both were located in the part of East Pennsboro Township that is now Silver Spring. (R. D. #4, Mechanicsburg, Pa.)

Christopher Huston was an active and prominent citizen of the section even prior to the formation of the county and in 1784 was tax collector for East Pennsboro, collecting tax to the amount of 12 Pounds and 2d. The records of the Internal Affairs Office at Harrisburg show that on 30 October, 1744, Christopher Huston obtained a Warrant from the Proprietors of Pennsylvania for 150 acres of land.

The records of Internal Affairs Office also show that on 9 November 1752, Samuel Huston obtained a warrant for a tract of land in East Pennsboro township, Cumberland County, the survey for which was returned on March 7, 1753. The warrant for Samuel Huston's tract called for 200 acres, but the survey made it 240 acres. The draft on record shows that it was bounded on the south by lands of John Sample; on the east by John Carson and Richard Peters; on the north by Robert Carothers and on the WEST BY JOHN McCLELLAN.

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On 26 April 1773, Christopher Huston made his will which was probated on December 14, 1784. He died December, 1784. His wife Susanna Wilson Huston, died aged 80 years and the remains of both repose in the graveyard of Pine Hill (R. D. #4, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Mason C. Gilpin Farm near Hogestown).

They were born in the northern part of Ireland and had seven children, as follows:

Christopher Huston Jr, married Nancy Smith.

Sarah Huston, married James McKinstry. She died aged about 84 years.

Elizabeth, married John McCullough. Died aged about 70 years.

William Huston, died aged about 40 years.

James Huston.

John Huston, married Margaret, a daughter of Samuel and Isabella

(Sharon) Huston.

Rebecca Huston, married _____ McMurtree, and her second husband's name was _____ Smith.

He distributed his personal property to his wife, Susanna (Wilson); his granddaughter, Janet Smith, his son-in-law, James McKinstry, and his son, Christopher, and John McCullough a certain amount.

His real estate he distributed among his sons, James, William, and John. To James he gave the "place of land" on which James was living at the time the will was made; to his son William he gave with sundry provisos, the eastern one-half of two surveys of land which joined each other; and to his son John the western one-half of the same tract, also with provisos.

He appointed his wife, executrix, and his son John executor, but the wife renounced her right and the son John, became the sole executor of the estate.

On September 15, 1784, Samuel Huston, of East Pennsboro township, Cumberland County, Pa., made his will, which was probated on October 12, 1784. According to his recorded will he had sons as follows:

William Huston

Samuel Huston

John Huston

Jonathan Huston

No daughters are mentioned in the will, but according to reliable information obtained from other sources he had five.

Samuel Huston gave all his lands or real estate to his two younger sons, John and Jonathan, to be held by them and their heirs in common, with the proviso that they pay to his son William the sum of twenty-eight pounds, and to his son Samuel fifty pounds in certain stipulated payments. To his wife he gave one-third of his personal property, together with a reasonable maintenance out of his real estate, and named his sons John and Jonathan as the executors of his will.

The witnesses to the will were Jonathan Hoge, Walter and John Buchanan. Jonathan Hoge became a Justice of the Peace at the time, it is probable that he wrote the will. Only one Samuel Huston appears upon the East Pennsboro township assessments between 1750 and 1776 and in no instance in that period was he taxed with less than 200 acres of land. INCIDENTALLY this Samuel Huston's wife was named Isabella Sharon Huston.

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In Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. 6, Page 224, the names Christopher Huston and John Huston appear as "Associators" in Captain John McCormick's 3rd Company, 3rd Battalion, Cumberland County, Militia in August of 1780. In the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., there is a record of Samuel Huston as "a private in Captain Henry McKinley's Company, 12th Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonel William Cook, Revolutionary War.

The name appears on a receipt roll which shows that he entered the service November 11, 1776, that he was in the service one month and four days and received 2-16-8 as the full amount of his pay, and 2-8-0 as subsistence.

Also in Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. 6, page 203, will be found the name of Lt. Samuel Huston, July 31, 1777, as an "Associator" in Captain James Samples' Sixth Company, Third Battalion, from Cumberland County.

In 1776, and in 1778, a "Samuel Huston - freeman" is also assessed in the township but with no property taxed against him.

In 1779, 1780, 1781 and 1782 this second Samuel Huston was assessed as "Samuel Huston, Jr." but in no instance with land taxed against him, while in every one of these six years the former Samuel Huston had from 300 to 387 acres of land taxed against him, excepting only 1782, when he appears upon the record simply as "Samuel Huston, Sen."

It follows, then, that the Samuel Huston who in East Pennsboro in 1752 took out a warrant of 200 acres of land was the same Samuel Huston who bequeathed his real estate to his sons, John and Jonathan.

The exact locality of the tract of land for which Samuel Huston in 1752 obtained a warrant, can be fixed by the boundaries and other data given in the records regarding the property. As has been noted, the first Samuel Huston bequeathed his real estate to his younger sons, John and Jonathan, to be held by them in common. These two Hustons probably held it in common for a while, but they could not have done so very long.

There is nothing to show that they ever divided it, but from a will made by John Huston on May 17, 1808, and probated on Aug. 3, 1811, it appears that he then held his real estate in severalty and hence the two, have made a partition of their patrimony.

Persons well acquainted with the present conditions of the part of Silver Spring township lying north of the Condoquinet Creek will readily see, from these two chains of title, that Christopher Huston and Samuel Huston settled near each other when they came into the Cumberland Valley. They were Scotch-Irish, as were nearly all the first settlers in that immediate locality. Robert Carothers, John Clendenin, John Waugh, James Waugh, James Sharon, James Dickey, John Dickey, Francis McGuire, John Semple (Sample) John McClelland, Adam Calhoun, Thomas Rankin, Robert Bell, Walter Buchanan and Isaac Rutledge were some of their neighbors.

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Samuel Huston and John Clendenin were brothers-in-law, John Clendenin, being married to Janet Huston, Samuel Huston's sister.

It is very probable that more of these Scotch-Irish neighbors were related to the Hustons and that others not related were well acquainted with them before they left Ireland. It cannot be shown from the records at present accessible that Christopher Huston and Samuel Huston were related, but the similarity of given names in the two families; being of Scotch-Irish nationality; settling in the same section, and various other circumstances strongly indicate they were, as well as a relative of John Huston of the afore-said road petition. They may have been brothers.

Samuel Huston was a member of the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, now made famous in history as the first church west of the Susquehanna river. His name appears upon the church records in 1764 along with that of 42 other members of this church and Carlisle who signed a call for the Rev. John Steel to become pastor of this church. Rev. Steel is buried at Carlisle...he was the first Chaplain of the United States Army.

In the northwestern corner of the old Samuel Huston farm, near the edge of a precipitous hill, there is a burying ground which in its time was famous. Originally it was in a dense wood of tall pine trees, from which circumstances it has been known almost from the first, as the Pine Hill Graveyard. Something of it still remains, but the wood about it has been cleared away to the very brink of the hill and the little shrunken graveyard is left up in a field where it is exposed to the danger of being farmed over and entirely obliterated.

That neglected burying ground now contains but two tombstones upon which the inscriptions can be read, yet to the many descendants of the first settlers of that part of the country it is hallowed ground. Within its narrow confines repose the dust of Samuel Huston, his wife Isabella Sharon; their nephew, Captain John Clendenin, and his wife, Elizabeth Caldwell, who was an aunt of Hon. John C. Calhoun, and members of the Huston family of the second, third and fourth generations in America.

In addition to the above named Captain John Clendenin, the following Revolutionary soldiers lie buried there: Lieutenant Samuel Huston, Christopher Huston, Capt. James Bell, Robert Bell and James Nesbit, of the War of 1812, some of whom were buried with the honors of war and whose funerals were probably the most ostentatious and memorable events that that quiet section of the country ever saw.

Here lie the remains of Nathaniel Eckels, son-in-law of Samuel and Isabella Huston, b. Oct. 2, 1744, who died September 16, 1830 (my great-great-grandfather, maternal line), aged 86 years. He was the ancestor of a distinguished family, some of whom have graced the halls of Congress, and many of the higher walls in life.

Hon. James Herron Eckels, who was Comptroller of the Currency during the Cleveland administration was a great-grandson.

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Samuel Huston died October 1784, his wife was Isabella Sharon.
To them were born ten children, as follows:

1. William Huston - No record.
 2. Samuel Huston
 3. Margaret Huston
 4. Mary Huston
 5. Ann Huston
 6. Jane Huston
 7. James Huston
 8. Isabella Huston - (my great-great-grandmother).
 9. John Huston - No record.
 10. Jonathan Huston - (my great-grandmother's father).
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1. William Huston - No record.
2. Samuel Huston married Esther Waugh and had six children.
3. Margaret Huston; b. 1750; d. November 21, 1828; m. John Huston b. 1744; d. Sept. 18, 1828. Had eleven children.
4. Mary Huston; b. 1739; d. Feb. 12, 1812; m. Captain John McTeer (now Mateer); b. 1736; d. Apr. 10, 1790. Had seven children.
5. Ann Huston m. James Gibson, Loss Creek, Tenn. No records.
6. Jane Huston b. 1749; d. Oct. 31, 1808; m. Lt. Col. John Creigh Aug. 25, 1766; b. Aug. 25, 1741, d. Feb. 17, 1813, bapt. August 30, 1741. Had six children.
7. James Huston; b. 1758; d. May 6, 1801; m. Catherine Ewing, Nov. 20, 1787; b. August, 1767; d. Dec. 29, 1848. Had six children.
8. Isabella Huston; 1st m. James Clendennin, October 14, 1765 and had nine children. 2nd. m. Nathaniel Eckels; b. Oct. 2, 1744; d. Sept. 16, 1830 and had two children, William and Francis. William Eckels; b. March 3, 1787; d. Nov. 15, 1861; 1st m. Rebecca Huston daughter of Johathan and Margaret Rankin(McIntyre)Huston Rebecca Huston; b. 1788; d. January 5, 1820. had five children. My grandfather number (5) William Huston Eckels. 2nd m. Jane Starr b. 1793; d. Dec. 20, 1831; had four children. 3rd m. Hannah Starr her sister; b. 1801; d. March 9, 1857. Had two children.
9. John Huston - Buried Pine Hill graveyard - No record.
10. Jonathan Huston; b. 1760; d. Nov. 10, 1830. m. Margaret Rankin McIntyre; b. 1770; d. August 24, 1846. Had eleven children. (1) Rebecca Huston who married William Eckels (These were my great-grandparents - maternal line).

Dr. Walter O. Shriner - 19 March 1949

I am really sorry that I could not find a better record of your Huston - Buchanan - McClelland connections, but I think that from the record we can be certain that Catherine Buchanan's first Huston husband was a near relative of the early Christopher or Samuel Huston. You probably have noted that there is no record on some of their children. How about the possibility of the William Huston, son of Christopher and wife Susanna (Wilson) Huston who died aged about 40 years???? Prospects look good to me in this case, so his widow then married the McClelland husband number two. Although it could have been this William's brother James, there is no record on him either....SEE PAGE 2 of this letter. We know that it was not any of the early Samuel and wife Isabella (Sharon) Huston's children who married Catherine Buchanan unless it was William or John Huston on whom we have no record. This is indeed a pity, but I think that from the information that I have given you here that you now have a better insight into the Huston family.

It is now five P.M. Saturday afternoon so will close for this time. If I can be of further service to you on this subject, please feel free to call on me. I would like to type an entire copy of this book for you but just now while I am working so arduously on the Koser line I could not undertake to do so at this time, as it required two weeks for me to copy the book requiring 4-5 hours daily, but sometime when I am free and you would like to have it, I would be pleased to supply you with the entire book. It is well written and well gotten together, I think.

You mentioned the fact that our early ancestors were closely related back in those early days. I think I know the answer to that. Our early people were anxious that their children married well, people of good breeding, cultured, refined, intelligent. If only people today were more careful about choosing their martial partners....then too we must consider that they were pioneers and that travel entered into it somewhat, they usually married close neighbors, I believe.

The report from Dr. Haussmann arrived yesterday....I will write to you on that subject Sunday afternoon. Until then, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. C. Koser

Thomas McCarrell Koser

2344 Berryhill Street
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
1 April 1949

Dr. Walter O. Shriner
2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Dr. Shriner:

Visited the Library today. A perusal of the Diary of Rev. Dr. John Cuthbertson did not show any records on my Eckels family, only two entries on the Howson's and I especially checked the records for your Steel ancestor in Chester County to Agnes. There were only three entries for Chester County visits and the Steel marriage record was not listed, but there is much much data on your early Buchanan and McClelland families and I think it would be very worth your while if you visit the State Library on your trip to Pennsylvania this Summer to go over these records. I would have been pleased to copy them all for you, however, time would not permit such an undertaking today, but I did copy one which I thought might be of particular interest to you from Page 95. "April 4, 1754 Junker Tent, rode 3 miles to Joseph Junkers after preaching Psalm 119.123 Lectured Jeremiah 45 examined 34 persons and married WALTER BUCHANAN and MARY COULTER."

On page 284, I copied the following: "Information has recently been received from Miss Emma M. Campbell of La Jolla, California, a relative of President James Buchanan on the Buchanans, some of whom are mentioned by Doc. Cuthbertson as follows: Gilbert Buchanan of East Nottingham, Chester County, Pa., died in 1771. His children were Walter, Sarah, Agnes, Margaret and Jannet and from family Bible the following: Walter (of Little Britian Lancaster Co., Pa., married Jean McLaughlin. His children were Gilbert, b. March 12, 1750, Janet, b. January 23, 1752, Mary, b. Oct. 14, 1754, James, b. May 23, 1761, John, b. Aug. 12, 1763, Sarah b. Dec. 24, 1765, Margaret b. Sept. 10, 1768, Agnes, b. Oct. 11, 1772. Gilbert married Sarah Walker had children Walter, Isaac, James, Sarah, and Rebecca. Janet married James Gleim had children Walter, Agnes, Joseph and Jean.

Mark Co, York Co, Pa.
The WALTER BUCHANAN of ~~East Pennsboro Twp.~~, married Mary Roney. He died in 1788. The children were: Andrew, James, William, Robert, Walter, Elizabeth, who married Walter Smith, Janet who married David McClelland, Mary who married William Herron, Margaret who married Hercules Roney, and Ann Davidson. (From one of his descendants to Miss Campbell.)

The 1850 U. S. Census (microfilm) in the State Library, the only one that they have revealed that the missing name of the brother of John Koser who left Berks and settled in Union County was a Jonathan. Here is the report as I found it;

Jonathan Koser aged 56 years - Farmer - Buffalo Twp.
Elizabeth Koser aged 55 yrs. (wife)
Real Estate - \$1200.

Elizabeth Koser 1 year
Levi Koser aged 18 yrs.
Jackson Koser aged 15 yrs.
Andrew Koser aged 19 yrs.
Phares Koser aged 11 years.
Nathaniel Koser not listed
John Koser not listed

John Koser aged 59 yrs. - Farmer - Buffalo Twp.
Susannah Koser aged 53 years - wife,
David Koser aged 28 yrs. Shoemaker.
Samuel Koser aged 19 yrs. Laborer
Levi Koser aged 17 years.
William Koser aged 11 yrs.
Susanna Koser aged 7 years.

Daniel Koser aged 20 yrs. - Blacksmith
Jonathan Koser aged 21 years - Laborer
John Koser aged 30 years - Carpenter
Real estate \$700.
Wife Sophia Koser aged 28 years.
Dau. Elizabeth aged 7 years.

Elizabeth Coshier - aged 27 years.
William A. Crozier aged 20 years - Stonecutter
New Berlin Twp., Union Co. Pa.

The name Koser was spelled Cozer as I usually find it with the exception of where I have shown it differently here. If I do not get the proper cooperation from the Koser family in the west, I will make a trip to Mazeppa which is in Buffalo Twp., Union County to the Lutheran Church cemetery there and see what I can find.

I expect to go to Brickerville and Penryn this Sunday afternoon if the weather permits.

More about the Huston History later.

Best regards,


Thomas McCarrell Koser

HISTORY OF THE HUSTON FAMILIES

CHAPTER I

EARLY HISTORY

The early history of the Huston family can be traced back to the thirteenth century and to probably a soldier of fortune whose arms had largely aided the then King of Scotland, and who was rewarded with what now constitutes the Houston estate, near Johnstone, Scotland.

Crawford's history of Rensfrewshire gives the following account of the origin and progress of the family: "This donation is in the reign of Malcomb the IV, as also in the same reign the lands of Kilpeter in Strathgrief are given by Baldwin de Bigress to Hugh de Padvinaw from which Hugh these lands were called Hugh's town, of whom is linneally descended, Sir John Houston."

FAMILY TREE

1. Hugh de Padvinaw.
2. Reginal.
3. Hugh.
4. Findlay de Houston. 1298.
5. Patrick. 1450.
6. John. 1458.
7. Peter. 1513
8. Patrick. 1526.
9. John. 1542.
10. Patrick. 1605.
11. Ludovic. 1620.
12. Patrick. 1696.

This Patrick came to America and is buried in the Old Cemetery on South Broad Street, Savannah, Georgia, in a vault in front of which is a gray marble slab upon which is carved a fine Coat of Arms, bearing the motto "In Time", under which is the following inscription:

"Sir Patrick Houstoun, Baronet, President of His Majesty's Council of Georgia, died 5th February, 1762, aged 64."

13. John Ludovic.
14. George Ludovic. 1757.
15. John Houston.
16. George. 1815
17. Ludovic.
18. George Ludovic. 1841.
19. John.

In 1876, Henry Houston, eldest son of Henry Howard Houston, visited Ireland and Scotland to investigate the early family history and called on the Factor of the Houston estate. The interview is best told in his own words:

"On Tuesday morning we called on the Factor of the Estate of the Houston's of Johnstone. His name is Salmon. He said the present proprietor of the estate is George Ludovic Houston, and is the only member of his family now living (1876), his brothers, father and mother all died about the same time. He came into the possession of the estate at the age of 19, went to the continent to finish his education and had been traveling ever since. The Factor said he had held some correspondence with General Sam Houston, of Texas, and was fully satisfied the two families were branches of the same stock."

Early in the seventeenth century a considerable emigration of the Scotch Houston's was made to the North of Ireland, one Robert Houston having been given three townships of land in Londonderry County. These Irish Houston's seem to have dropped the letter "o" in their name and spelled it Huston. In Scotland the name is pronounced as if written Houston.

The early emigration of the Hustons to this country are of the Scotch-Irish descent. Some facts which Gen. Sam Houston collected have thrown interesting light on the Houston's of Scotland. In the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one or fifty-two, while in the city of Washington, he exhibited a copy of the "Coat of Arms" of the Houston's as registered in the "Office of Hearldry, London," and gave the following description of it to Miss Mary Houston, sister of Ex-Gov. George S. Houston, of Alabama: "A gray hound rampant on a broken column. An hour-glass with the last sand running out. The motto, "In Tempore." The description in the terms and emblems of "Hearldry" is as follows: "At an early period in the history of the Hustons, John Houston, with a body of soldiers, reinforced a broken column, and for his great courage and unexampled energy was knighted on the field of battle. The grayhounds indicate the fleetness of his command in coming to the rescue; the last sand in the hour-glass the perilous extremity of the army; and the motto (In Time) its victory." Tradition informs us that the Houston's dwelt on the "Lowlands" of Scotland and the registering of their "Coat of Arms" in the Government office at London, proves satisfactorily that their standing was somewhat elevated. They took a decided stand in favor of the Reformation; adopted early the tenets of Calvin; sustained the religious views of John Knox; and were persecuted for their rigid adherence to the Bible and the Bible alone as the rule of their faith and practice, and to Presbytery as the scriptural form of church government. Many of them emigrated to the North of Ireland. At what time the Houston's took up an abode in Ireland it is impossible, perhaps, to ascertain now; but we are credibly informed that many of them were there in the memorable year of 1688, who with brave co-patriots and co-religionists, having sustained the terrific siege of Londonderry, shared in the joy and final triumph there. Their resistance was followed by the departure of the forces of James II, turned the scale in favor of William and Mary; secured to William the crown of England and to England a Protestant succession of kings and queens down to the present hour. History has established these facts beyond all reasonable question or doubt. Among many of the immediate descendants of those who suffered in that struggle was John Houston, who emigrated to America about the year 1735. Some of the company of those who came with him, having a considerable amount of money with them, and believing from the conduct of the captain and crew of the vessel in which they sailed that they designed robbing

and murdering them, held a consultation and determined to sieze the ship and put in irons the whole number. This they did; and some of the emigrants being skilled in navigation, took command of the ship, and after a sail of eight days, they were all safely landed in the port of Philadelphia.

There seems to be some confusion among the different branches as to the first Huston family in America, but the article contributed by Franklin Warren Houston, page 189, establishes that fact.

About the year 1735, Mrs. John, or Samuel Houston came to Pennsylvania from Ireland, with one son, John Houston, and his wife, Margaret Cunningham and settled in Lancaster County, as his name appears in Rupp's History of Lancaster County, page 233, among a list of land owners who had settled there at an early date. They had issue as follows:

Robert Houston
Isabella Houston
Esther Houston
John Houston
Samuel Houston
Mathew Houston

Another son named James was left in Ireland preparing for the ministry, and died soon after the emigration of his family.

The above family remained some time in Lancaster County and then removed to Virginia. John Houston's Will is on record in Augusta Co., Va., in Will Book No. 2 page 40, and was admitted to probate May 15, 1755. He was the progenitor of a large and distinguished family, many of whom were prominent in the various walks of life.

He was born about theyear 1690, and his death occurred 1754.

His fourth child, named John, was about nine years of age when he came with his father to America. He married Miss Sarah Todd, and they had issue nine children, viz:

James Houston
John Houston
Samuel Houston (Rev.)
William Houston
Robert Houston
Mathew Houston
Alice Houston
Margaret Houston
Esther Houston

The third son, Rev. Samuel Houston, was born January 1, 1758 died suddenly on his birthday at the age of 81 years, being prepared to preach that day as usual. He entered on his classical education November 22, 1776, and graduated 1780.

Not long after he graduated he was called to serve his country in its struggle to achieve independence, and distinguished himself as a private soldier in the battle of "Guilford Court House," North Carolina; his comrades pronounced him among the bravest of the brave. He afterward became a member of the Presbytery of Hanover, North Carolina. He married Margaret Walker, and they had seven children: viz:

Elizabeth Stuart Houston
Mary Todd Houston
Janetta Moore Houston
Matilda Rowe Houston
Elvira Margaret Walker Houston
Samuel Rutherford Houston (Rev.)
John Davies Houston

The above, Rev. Samuel Rutherford Houston was born March 12, 1806. He entered Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., graduated July 3, 1825, and afterward was instructor in the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in Philadelphia, where he remained about six years.

In 1831, he entered the Theological Seminary of Princeton, N. J., remaining one year, and then the "Asiatic Cholera" making its appearance he went to Union Theological Seminary, Virginia. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Lexington in 1834, and on the 17th of January following was ordained by the same Presbytery at Staunton, Va., to labor as a missionary in Asia Minor.

Peculiar circumstances made it important that he should not go to the interior of Asia Minor, but was sent to the Island of Scio, about seventy-five miles from Smyrna, and commenced his labors November 8, 1834.

The limits of space forbid relating in detail his labors, trials and perils while he remained in Scio, two and one-half yrs.

From Scio he removed to Greece and established a mission among the Spartans at Athens, and from thence to Areopolis, capital of Lacona.

His second child, Catharine Elizabeth, died at Athens, May 10, 1839, and her body lies in the Protestant Cemetery there, a spot dearer to many American hearts than all its classic halls and storied groves and streams, where the hope and pride of many a fond mother and doting sister has found a grave far from kindred and fatherland.

He preached in Alexandria, Egypt, for six months, his wife dying on November 19, 1839, in Cairo. There being no suitable cemetery in the Mohammedan city of Cairo, her remains were taken to Alexandria, 120 miles distant, and deposited in a cemetery by the side of another missionary there, whose early graves are scattered as beacons of hope and promise around the shores of the Levant.

After his wife's death he returned to his work in Greece and in August, 1891, to his home in Virginia.

In a few months he was called to the churches of Union and Mount Pleasant, in Rockbridge county, West Virginia and served these churches for more than forty years with uninterrupted peace and comfort to himself and corresponding benefit to them.

In his seventy-sixth year he could write, sing and preach and perform his other usual duties, with much the same freedom and ease as ever. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him June, 1873, by Washington and Lee University.

His oldest son, Rutherford Rowland, was born in Smyrna, graduated at Washington College, Va., in 1855, with honor, and entered Union Theological Seminary, taking a full course of study there. He was licensed to preach by the Greenbrier Presbytery in 1863.

Rev. Samuel Rutherford Houston, D. D., was married twice and his numerous descendants have honored their ancestor, and never caused the shadow of a blot to rest upon the Houston escutcheon.

It would afford the writer great pleasure to prepare an entire chapter pertaining to the civil, professional and military life of this influential branch of the Houston family, but space will permit of but a passing notice.

Robert Houston, son of John and Margaret (Cunningham) Houston married Margaret Davidson, and they lived and died at their first home on Timber Ride, Va., and are buried there in the "Blue Ball Graveyard." They had issue:

- John Houston
- Samuel Houston
- Bettie Houston
- Margaret Houston
- Esther Houston
- Mary Houston

Their son, John, married Miss Logan, and they lived and died in Colliersville, a village near Lexington, Va., and are buried in a nearby cemetery, "Oxford."

They had a considerable family, most of whom are said to have become scattered over the West, and of whom there appears to be no record.

Samuel Houston, second son of Robert Houston and Margaret Davidson, married Elizabeth Paxton, and they had nine children as follows:

- Paxton Houston
- Robert Houston
- James Houston
- John Houston
- SAMUEL HOUSTON (GENERAL)
- William Houston
- Isabelle Houston
- Mary Houston
- Eliza Houston

Another John Houston came from Tyrone County, Ireland, about 1750, and with his family located in Charleston, South Carolina.

His wife was a Miss Ross. They brought with them from Ireland five children, viz:

- John Houston
- Margaret Houston
- James Houston
- Mary Houston
- Samuel Houston

The following were born after their arrival in this country:

- David Houston
- Ross Houston
- William Houston

On the voyage to this country some disaster caused them to lose nearly all the property they possessed, together with the family records. The few articles they saved were marked with a "crest".

The son David married Miss Reagan, of a Quaker family, who was born in 1772, and they had the following children:

- Jane Houston, m. Gen. P. J. Irons, of North Carolina.
- Sarah Houston, m. Robert Ridley, of Tennessee.
- Rebecca Houston, m. Henry Williams.

Pugh Houston (Dr.), m. Miss Chrisholm
Ross Houston, m. Miss Bamfarn.
George S. Houston (Governor)
Russel Houston, m. Miss Polk, of Tennessee
James Houston (Dr.), m. Miss Weyman.
David Houston, unm.
Mary Houston, unm.
Annie Houston, m. Mr. Boggs, of Pennsylvania.

George S. Houston first married Miss Beattie, of Ohio, his second wife was Miss Irvine, of Alabama.

After the Civil War he was elected Governor of Alabama, then for a second term he was elected by an overwhelming majority, and in 1878, was elected to the Senate of the United States. He died in 1880, leaving a name that will long be remembered.

There was a William Houston who emigrated from Ireland or Scotland at an early period, and settled in Connecticut.

It is said on reliable authority that General Sam Houston became acquainted with some of the family in Washington, and ascertained that they were relatives of the above named John Houston, who married Margaret Cunningham. From a statement derived from the descendants of William Houston it must be entirely reliable as far as it goes.

That he married Nancy Hinman and by her had nine children, viz:

John Houston
Robert Houston
Nancy Houston
Elizabeth Houston
William Houston
Joseph Houston
Samuel Houston
Margaret Houston
Thomas Houston

William Houston, the progenitor of the above family, was a soldier in the English army with General Braddock when he was defeated by the French and Indians in 1755. He was buried above Piqua, Ohio.

William Houston, a relative of John, of Lancaster County, married Polly Montgomery, settled in Kentucky and some of their children located in Kansas. Among his children was also a Robert. A branch of the family located in Tennessee. It is stated their progenitor was a John Houston, who located in Lancaster County, where he married a Martha Walker about 1735 and had issue:

Robert Houston, born about 1736.
Samuel Houston
James Houston
John Houston
Christopher Houston
Prudence Houston
Rebecca Houston
Mary Houston.

No information concerning Robert can be learned. Samuel settled in Tennessee; James was killed in a fight with the Tories at Ransom's Mills, June 20, 1780; John located in Kentucky, and Christopher in Tennessee.

About the year 1720-25, there also emigrated to Pennsylvania, from Ireland, John Houston, who settled near Gap, Lancaster county, Pa. He had eight children as follows:

Daniel Houston
John Houston (Dr.)
William Houston
James Houston
Thomas Houston
Samuel Houston
Jean Houston (Mrs. (Rev.) Alexander Proudfit.
Ann Houston (Mrs. John Johnson Canons).

The second son of this John Houston, Dr. John, was born in the year 1743, and was sent to Edinburg to complete his education. He served as surgeon in the Revolutionary War.

John Houston, Sr. died August 10, 1769, and his will was probated December 4, 1769, Record Book of Wills "B", Vol. 1, page 527, shows that he resided in Paxtang township and left a widow named Martha and the above named children.

The eighth and youngest child of Dr. John Houston, above mentioned, was Samuel Nelson Houston, who was father of Henry Howard Houston, of Germantown, Pa., and a sketch of his life will appear in another chapter.

In the year 1832, a David Houston came to Lancaster County, Pa., and settled at Bethania, near Gap, where he was for many years engaged in general merchandising. He had a brother, Henry Houston, who settled at Ogdensburg, N. Y., about the same time, and a cousin of John Houston, who also settled in Lancaster Co., Pa., a few years before.

CHAPTER II EARLY SETTLERS CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

YOU HAVE THIS FROM PREVIOUS INSTALLMENT

CHAPTER IV THE OLD DISTILLERY

A short distance from the present farm house at the head of the hollow, there rises a spring which for a long time was the water supply for both house use and stock at the barn. Its presence at that place, no doubt, originally determined the location of the farm buildings, for the first settlers always built near springs.

Just below the spring here once stood a Still house which will bear mention in these annals for James Huston before he purchased of James Huston "Innholder," the plantation in Penn's Valley, in it acquired the title "Distillery." After James Huston removed to his possessions in Penn's Valley the distillery was continued by his brother, John Huston, who on the 10th of May, 1787, bought of Thomas Johnson, distiller, "one Still and Head and Worm, eight mashing Hogsheads, three Shingling Bags and one feather bed," paying for them twelve pounds and twelve shillings, as may be seen from the bill of sale which is a matter of record. Many Pennsylvania distillers in those days lacked reverence for the excise laws, and in 1794, when President Washington and his army came to Carlisle, on his way to the western part of the State to subdue the Whiskey

Insurrection, John Huston feared that some of Washington's soldiers might pay him an unwelcome visit, and with the aid and encouragement of some of his more adventurous neighbors he prepared to resist such an intrusion.

So retiring within the still house they barricaded its windows and doors, and through port holes, cut between the logs, watched with guns, ready to fight and shoot if the soldiers came. No soldiers, however, came, or a bloody tragedy might have been enacted. This old building was not always used for distilling purposes. It was turned into a dwelling house, and in a deed made in 1828, it is described as "a tenant house formerly used as a distillery." It was standing yet in 1849, when it was torn down and a new and more comfortable tenant house erected in its stead. This second building in its turn also grew old and was removed, and now the spot where once stood an historic still house is farmed over and bears no vestige of ever having been otherwise occupied. (Now the Mason C. Gilpin Farm, R. D. #4, Silver Spring Township, Cumberland Co., Pa. just 1/2 mile east of Hogestown on the Condoguinet Creek.

CHAPTER V Court Records

There are no early family records from which to compile a Huston family history, consequently court records, supplemented by personal recollections obtained through hearsay, must be the chief source of information for the purpose.

In Samuel Huston's will there are named four sons, William, Samuel John and Jonathan. Personal recollection of his granddaughter Margaret Eckels, has it that there were also five daughters, in the following order:

Margaret
Mary
Ann
Jane
Isabella

The names are here given in the order of their ages, as near as can be ascertained from the meager data at hand. In the petition filed in the Orphan's Court of Cumberland County on April 5, 1813, asking for the partition of John Huston's real estate, it was stated that Samuel Huston's son Samuel---brother to the John whose estate was in litigation---had children as follows:

Samuel Huston
Jonathan Huston
Richard Huston
Esther Huston

From a petition filed in the Orphan's Court on May 1st, 1838, by Martha (Waugh) Trimble, asking for a partition of the real estate of James Waugh, it appears that "Esther Huston, late Esther Waugh," left issue as follows:

John
Samuel
James
Richard
Esther
William

With a single exception, the names in both these records are the same; the exception being that of William which does not appear in the former petition.

It is also well enough to observe that there is a difference of twenty-five years in the dates of these two petitions, and the names of the only daughter given in both being the same, are sure indications that the Samuel Huston referred to in both is one and the same individual and that his wife was Esther Waugh.

Of the names given Richard and Esther are names peculiar to the Waugh family while the rest are names that have been common to the Huston family through many generations. In the former of these petitions it is stated that John Huston had a brother James who left issue as follows:

Samuel Huston
Mary Huston
Thomas Huston
Isabella Huston
Catharine Huston
Margaret Huston

As has been noted, Samuel Huston made his will in 1784 and gives as the names of his sons: William, Samuel, John and Jonathan.

No James is mentioned in the will, but as the will makes no reference to any of the five daughters he is known to have had, it is not safe to conclude that there was not also a son James, simply because he is not mentioned in the will. The petition names a James but no William, and as the will is the more credible of the two records it might be fair—though not safe—to raise the question whether the name William should not appear in the petition instead of James. There is nothing to show that William or John ever married.

CHAPTER XIX

LINEAGE OF THE HOUSTON FAMILY, FROM 1450 to 1907

BY FRANKLIN WARREN HOUSTON OF NORTH

MIDDLETON, KENTUCKY

Will follow in a succeeding report.

2344 Berryhill Street
Melrose Gardens
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
31 March 1949

Dr. Walter O. Shriner
2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Dr. Shriner:

Enclosed you will find to picture post cards of Silver Spring Presbyterian Church of which our early Cumberland County ancestors were members. The one card shows that the first service was held in the year 1734 and that the edifice was restored to its original appearance of 1783. The small cemetery is located directly to the left of the church just across the roadway you see pictured and is enclosed by a high stone fence.

Enclosed you will also find a reply from Mr. J. L. Gwartz, Genealogist of Philadelphia which is not entirely disheartening.

Relative to your question concerning whether or not the early Hustons lived for a time in Lancaster County, the answer is undoubtedly in the affirmative. The early Christopher, Samuel and John Huston of Cumberland County were not the only Hustons to have come to America. The Huston Genealogy gives a worthy account of all those who immigrated. I will try to give you some of the important facts relative to same from time to time in the form of reports.

In order not to have the copy become a part of a letter, as you may wish to preserve same in another form, I will begin on another sheet of paper. I know you will love to have the European background of the Huston family of which you are a descendant, as I don't believe you have it.

Tomorrow I expect to visit the Library and will go over the Census of 1850 (microfilm) for Union County, Pa., in an attempt to get the data on the John and brother ? Koser who went out of Berks Co., in the early 1800's and are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at Mazeppa. I will let you know of any success. There are Koser descendants still living in the vicinity of Lewistown, but so far they are very dilatory in answering inquiries or returning the questionnaires I have sent to them. The Chamber of Commerce of that city has furnished me a listing of those Koser families living there. Most of them are mill workers and perhaps have no appreciation of family history.

And now the report on the Hustons....

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas McCarrell Koser
Thomas McCarrell Koser

Encl.

CHAPTER XIX

LINEAGE OF THE HOUSTON FAMILY, FROM 1450 to 1907

BY FRANKLIN WARREN HOUSTON

OF

NORTH MIDDLETON, KENTUCKY

The family name was originally House-Son. The remotest member of the family, whose name has come down through the family register, was named Robert House-Son, was of Celtic origin, and was born in Dublin, Ireland, July 5, 1450, where he lived and died a merchant.

John House-Son was born June 2, 1475, was a son of Robert. He was sent by his father to St. Andrew's College in Scotland. After his education was completed he was given a place in that institution as Professor and Teacher of Languages. On the 8th of January, 1500, he married Martha Scot, by whom he had one son and two daughters. The son he called Samuel House-Son. Son of John House-Son, was born September 3, 1523, and educated at St. Andrews. After the death of his father he took his place as Professor of Languages in that institution. On March 8, 1549, he married Mary Scot, by whom he had two sons and four daughters. The sons he named Alfred and Abnor House-Son.

Alfred House-Son, first son of Samuel House-Son, was born September 6, 1572; Abnor, the second son of Samuel, was born October 10, 1577. They were educated in Aberdeen Academy, and on the 13th day of January 1607, they were married to twin sisters, daughters of Welch Sconce, a merchant of Aberdeen. The name of Alfred's wife was Ruth, and of Abnor's wife, Rachel. After their marriage Alfred was given a position in the Academy as Professor of Philosophy and Mathematics. Abnor engaged with his father-in-law in the merchantile business.

About this time, the Reformation had given rise to violent religious controversy, and the two brothers decided to change their surname. Accordingly, Alfred proposed to write their name Houston, but Abnor thought there was in this spelling too much of the sound of House, and proposed Huston, as further removed from the original and more phonetic.

Before they agreed upon this change of their name, Alfred resolved to emigrate to America. Accordingly, on the 12th of April 1612, he and his wife and one child, with several other families, embarked for the new world. After a voyage of twenty-eight days they landed at Jamestown, on the James River, and cast their lots with the "London Colony," which had been established in 1607, by the famous Captain Smith, whose life had been saved by Pocahontas.

Abnor, his brother, who remained in the old world, emigrated from Dublin to Wales, located in Corwon on the River Dee, where he engaged in his favorite calling, merchandising.

There being no preacher of the "John Knox doctrine" in the London Colony, upon the arrival of Alfred at Jamestown, he was employed to preach the new doctrine to the colonists. He soon became popular both as a colonist and as a preacher, through a "Knoxite" and differing with many of the colonists in religious faith.

Four years after Alfred located at Jamestown he wrote to his brother Abnor, giving him a flowing account of the new world, and subscribed his name to the letter, Alfred Houston.

Abnor accepted the invitation to emigrate to Jamestown, and wrote to his brother accordingly, to his letter signing his name Abnor Huston, showing that each of the brothers had adhered to his preference of a new spelling of their names. As the different spelling had become interwoven with their business and they ~~after~~ had so spelled their names in the family records, they concluded, after they met at Jamestown, that each family should retain the spelling respectively adopted.

Abnor sailed for Jamestown, September 3, 1616, but owing to a boisterous sea, did not reach his destination port until October 20, 1616. Before he left Wales there had been born to him three sons, Joseph, born October 9, 1609; John, born June 1, 1611, and Samuel, born September 13, 1613.

There were born to Alfred one son and three daughters. The son, Robert, was born on the ocean during the voyage to America, April 18, 1612. The eldest daughter, Jemima, was born April 6, 1610; Clarinda was born at Jamestown, October 30, 1614; Leona was also born at Jamestown, April 17, 1617.

Abnor being a business man, soon made the acquaintance of John Rolfe, the Englishman who married Pocahontas, and with him entered into trade and transportation, buying tobacco, potatoes, hides, furs, etc., from the Indians and colonists and transporting them to England.

Sir Walter Raleigh having visited the new world in 1584, with a body of explorers, had obtained from the Indians, a quantity of tobacco and potatoes, which were unknown in England. Queen Elizabeth, her Courtiers and Cavaliers, were greatly delighted with the new world plants; and the result was that men were sent to the new world to encourage the growth of the plants, and the Queen encouraged their production in England also. It was the demand for these products that led Rolfe and Huston to engage in the traffic. Hundreds of colonists, as well as Indians, engaged in clearing the land along the James River and raising tobacco and potatoes, for which they found ready sale to Rolfe and Huston, at their boats along the James River. The firm made large profits upon their cargo by shipping to England.

Alfred and Abnor, both, learned the Indian language; the latter in order to facilitate his trade with the Indians, and the former so as to enable him to preach to them in their native tongue.

When Sir George Yeardley was sent from England to govern the London Colony he proved to be a more liberal and acceptable Governor than his predecessors. He established eleven boroughs, or towns, from each of which he provided that two representatives should meet in the church at Jamestown, to make laws for the colony. Accordingly the delegates were chosen and on the 30th day of July 1619, they met in the church and enacted a code of laws for the government of the colony. Among the delegates were Alfred Huston, and Abnor Huston, from Jamestown.

This was the first legislative body of white men that ever met on American soil. Alfred, besides preaching, established a school in Jamestown and there taught his own children, and Abnor's and many others. After the three sons of Abnor were educated, they associated with their father and John Rolfe in the trade and transportation business for several years. They all married on the same day and in the same year, December 25, 1633. Joseph married Jane Lenox; John married Margaret Hathaway, and Samuel married Rachel Alexander.

Two of Abnor's sons, Joseph and Samuel, left Jamestown, with their families, June 1, 1640, and located in Fairfax, on the Potomac River. There they established a High School, the first that ~~came-down-to~~ was established in that section. Here the family register that came down to me through the Alfred branch loses sight of them and their families, except that three of their sons returned to Ireland. Abnor's son, John, with his family of four sons and two ~~daughters-and-seven-sons~~ daughters, and seven young men, emigrated, May 4, 1654, to a point on the Delaware River, a few miles above where the town of Philadelphia was afterward located. There they established a trade with the Indians and cleared several farms.

When William Penn arrived there in 1681, with a grant from King James for the territory now called Pennsylvania, he employed John Huston as an assistant in surveying his grant and laying it off into sections or counties. He also assisted in laying out the site which Penn named Philadelphia, having named the grant of land Pennsylvania.

John Huston was one of the first to erect a log residence upon the birth-place of the city. Here Alfred's register leaves the lineage of his nephew, John Huston and his descendants.

There is no doubt but that all the families in the United States who spell their names Huston are descended of this John Huston and his two brothers, who located in Fairfax, Virginia, and through them from their father, Abnor Huston.

Alfred's only son, Robert, became a minister, and on the 12th day of January, 1657, emigrated to the Shenandoah Valley, where he continued to preach the Presbyterian doctrine, the confession which had subjected his father and uncle to persecution in the old world and had driven them to the new world, where they hoped to enjoy freedom of conscience.

Robert, the year after locating in the valley, married Ruth Alexander, on May 23, 1658, and located in Alexandria, where there were born to him two sons. The elder son was born June 4, 1659, named John Rolfe Houston, in gratitude to the noted John Rolfe for his kindness to his grandfather and his great-uncle Abnor. The other son, James, was born June 6, 1661. Both sons were liberally educated in Alexandria.

After James completed his education he became a teacher in Alexandria; John Rolfe located on the Potomac River and engaged in trade and transportation, but returned to Alexandria, March 11, 1698, on which day he and his brother James married cousins, John Rolfe married Angeline Alexander and James married Mary Hamilton. James died in Alexandria, leaving his wife, three sons and two daughters. Here the record loses sight of the family of James, except that two of his sons returned to Ireland. The other one, John, my grandfather told me (Franklin Warren Houston) was the great-grandfather of General Sam Houston.

John Rolfe Houston left but one living child, a son, who was named Samuel. He was born February 6, 1728. This Samuel Houston was my (Franklin Warren Houston) great-grandfather. He was educated in Alexandria and married Sarah Henderson, June 2, 1749. On March 10th, 1750, he emigrated, with others, to Iredell County, North Carolina, and settled on a farm adjoining the farm of "Old Daniel Squire Boone," who was on the opposite side of the line separating Yadkin County, in which Boone lived, from Iredell County. Here the Boone and Houston children grew up together.

When the Revolutionary War broke out and General Ferguson, the English General, invaded North Carolina, my great-grandfather, Samuel, who was a regular soldier and his son, Peter (who was my grandfather), were in the battle of King's Mountain, in which the Colonial and "Raw Recruits" (of whom my grandfather was one, being about sixteen years of age) achieved a glorious victory.

Samuel Houston, my great-grandfather, had four sons and five daughters: Samuel Houston, born January 10, 1751, located at Hickory Flat, Georgia, and raised several children. (One of his sons was a delegate to the convention that framed the Constitution of that State after the Rebellion.). The second son, Robert, was born February 15, 1752. He located in Missouri, and raised a large family. Peter, my grandfather, was born April 2, 1761. James was born May 11, 1766. The last two emigrated to Kentucky in October, 1780, with Daniel Boone, the distinguished pioneer. This was the second move of Boone to Kentucky with his family, his family having returned to North Carolina while he was a prisoner of the Indians at Chillicothe, Ohio, thinking that he had been killed by the Indians. These two brothers returned to North Carolina in the fall of 1787, and on the 25th of October of that year they married, and returned with their wives through the wilderness on horseback. Peter's wife was Sarah Lucky, and James married Nancy Alexander, both of whose fathers were of Scotch-Irish descent, from Scotland.

James Houston had four sons, viz: James, who married Abby Kenny, and died without heirs; Levi, who married Rachel Alexander, located in Bedford, Indiana, raised five sons and five daughters, and died there; Samuel, who married Mary Foster, and died without heirs, Abner, who married Sally Horton and emigrated to Missouri, had four children, two sons ~~sons~~ ---Quincy and James---and two daughters---Aebel and Eliza. The last three survive and live with their families in California.

Peter Houston, my grandfather, with Daniel Boone and others, built Fort Houston, a hundred yards northwest of where the Paris, Kentucky, Court House now stands, on Houston Creek, near what is now called "The Big Spring". The creek as well as the fort were named in honor of my grandfather by Daniel Boone. This fort was the stopping place about half way between Boonsborough and the lower "Blue Licks," which were frequented by the salt makers of Boonsborough. For three years in the Fort, my grandfather and others tanned Buffalo and deer hides for bed clothes and wearing apparel for the incoming immigrants, meantime sharing with Boone the hardships of pioneer life. At the battle of Blue Licks my grandfather was riding by the side of Boone and his son who was killed in the disastrous retreat.

My grandfather and his brother James finally settled on Cane Ridge, whose meeting house is noted in history as the place where the great religious revival took place in 1801. They were both farmers, and like all their ancestors back to Alfred, who crossed the ocean in 1612, they were Presbyterians.

When the Commissioners were sent to Kentucky in 1778 to examine land titles about which great controversy had arisen, owing to the fact that many had bought land from Richard Henderson, President of the Transylvania Land Company, and others from agents of the Virginia Government. (Henderson having through Boone, or agents, bought large tracts of land from the Indians.) The Government refused to recognize his claim, hence the conflict in titles. The commissioners annulled all titles to land bought of Henderson's Company, among them were the titles of Boone, my grandfather and his brother James. The latter two rebought from the government, but Boone left the State in disgust, saying to my grandfather, "I have learned that this thing you call civilization is an improved plan of over-reaching your neighbor."

My grandfather, Peter Houston, raised six sons: John, who emigrated to northern Tennessee, married and died, leaving several children. He was born April 2, 1788. Samuel, my father, born March 1, 1790; Cary, born April 3, 1792; Richard, born September 9, 1794; Harry, born July 6, 1797; Alfred, born April 2, 1799. The last four named emigrated to Bloomington, Indiana in 1825. All married there and left large families of sons and daughters.

My father, Samuel Houston, was the only one of the six sons who remained in Kentucky. He was a farmer and a sculptor. He was educated for the ministry and was distinguished for his wonderful memory and for his fund of knowledge on most every subject, as had been his father before him, who died February 8, 1855, aged 91 years. My father was skeptical as to the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures. He believed that all men were by nature religious and that Christianity and all religions

were but the outgrowth of man's religious faculty. That religion was progressive just as music, mechanics and art, etc., are progressive, and that in these so in religion, man is destined to rise to higher and still higher planes of religious knowledge. He contributed a number of essays to the press; some that received marked attention, especially his articles on "Moral Philosophy" and his strictures on "Atheism." He had implicit faith in God and His providence over man and the universe. He died October 31, 1837, aged forty-seven years, leaving my mother a widow with five sons and four daughters, viz: Washington Jackson, born March 6, 1816, who located in Illinois, and died February 10, 1858. He was a minister in the Christian Church. Franklin Warren (the writer) born September 22, 1818. John Quincy Adams, born March 27, 1821, who was also a minister of the Christian Church, a great musician and composer of music. He died at Maroa, Macon County, Illinois, while there as pastor of the Christian Church, and was buried at Wenona, Illinois. Jefferson Perry, who was a farmer and breeder of short-horned cattle in Illinois, died at Lamar, Missouri, in the fall of 1891. ~~Clinton Nomroa, born March 20, 1839, is a trader in livestock and lives in Tacoma, Nebraska. The daughters were named as follows: Joanna Madison, born June 13, 1814, and died single at Bloomington, Indiana; Mary Clay, who married Harrison Parks and now lives, a widow, in Caldwell, Kansas, with her children, John, Jessie and Jemima; Irene was born March 6, 1837 and died childless, the widow of _____ Roger; Patty, born December 2, 1831, married Delana York and lives in Nebraska with her husband and children, a son and a daughter.~~ Clinton Nomroa, born March 20, 1839, is a trader in livestock and lives in Tacoma, Nebraska. The daughters were named as follows: Joanna Madison, born June 13, 1814, and died single at Bloomington, Indiana; Mary Clay, who married Harrison Parks and now lives, a widow, in Caldwell, Kansas, with her children, John, Jessie and Jemima; Irene was born March 6, 1837 and died childless, the widow of _____ Roger; Patty, born December 2, 1831, married Delana York and lives in Nebraska with her husband and children, a son and a daughter.

All of my brothers above named reared large families of sons and daughters. Their sons are widely scattered and represent various professions and callings. Of the nine children of my father I am the only one remaining in the old Bourbon County, Kentucky. I spent two years in the State University of Indiana, at Bloomington, where I completed my education.

I was educated for the legal profession, but my health having failed whilst at school, physicians advised me to live a rural life and I chose farming for my calling. On the 31st of December, 1841, I married Fannie Louvena Simpson, a daughter of Levi Simpson and Nancy (nee) Priest, both of whom emigrated from Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, in 1812, and settled where I now live. We have prospered financially. I have written hundreds of articles for the press on various subjects; was urged through the press to run as delegate to the convention that framed the Constitution of Kentucky, ~~and thirteen times have I been called on to run for the Legislature,~~ previous to the present Constitution and thirteen times have I been called on to run for the Legislature, and three times have my friends run me for that honor against my wishes, never having had political aspirations, but being a Republican and being in a county that has been largely Democratic since the war; of course, the object was chiefly to keep up the Republican organization. Before the war I was a Whig, and could have gone repeatedly to the Legislature without opposition.

We have raised eight children, four sons and four daughters. Nannie M. born May 7, 1844, married on May 24, 1866, a great nephew of Daniel Boone, and a namesake of the old pioneer. He died in Wichita, Kansas, December 23, 1890, leaving his wife with three daughters and two sons.

The daughters were named Fannie, Florence and Laura, and the boys names are Willard and Franklin. The former is now County Attorney at the age of twenty-six years; the latter is freight agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Arkansas City, Kansas, at the age of twenty-four years.

My son, French, was born February 26, 1846. He married Fannie Woford in Arkansas, and lives at Lone Oak, in that State. He is a dealer in livestock. They have four children: one son, Robert engaged in the merchantile business in Lone Oak, at the age of sixteen years, and three daughters, Queene R., Frankie and Mattie.

My third child, Laura Elizabeth, was born October 22, 1847, and married Dr. Albert G. Craigh, February 11, 1866. They live in Vevay, Indiana, and have one son, Franklin Craigh, and one daughter, Eva May, now at Vassar College, New York. The son is practicing medicine at Wichita, Kansas, at the age of twenty-four years.

My fourth child, Fannie Simpson, born January 12, 1849, married Henry Clay Stone, and died in Bourbon County, leaving two children, Albert Vickey, now at school at Little Rock, aged eighteen years, and Elizabeth now at school at Paris, Kentucky, aged twelve years.

My fifth child, Richard Monroe, was born October 3, 1850. He married Ella Young, of Platte County, Missouri, and is now a merchant in St. Louis, Missouri. He has three children at school in Kansas City, Missouri, Clara May, Franklin Warren and Ralph.

My sixth child, James Jefferson, born April 3, 1853, is single and engaged in the stock business in Kansas City, Missouri.

My seventh child, Queene Victoria, born December 22, 1857, married Joseph Rion, of Paris, Kentucky, where she now lives. They have six children, three sons and three daughters: Newton Houston, now in the shoe business with his father, aged twenty years; Corxton, now at school at North Middleton College, Mamie Dudley, Fannie Louise, and Georgie Dow, all at school in Paris. (Kentucky) (?).

My eighth child, Joseph Donnell, born February 17, 1859, married Fannie L. Eddy, of Wichita, Kansas, where he located and began the practice of law, at the age of twenty-one years. He had two infant children, Allen and Gwendoline.

I (Franklin Warren Houston of North Middleton, Kentucky 1912) have now given the lineage of the Houston family. I copied the family record of my grandfather, Peter Houston, down to and including his own family, and from that period down to the present, from which I took an outline in 1840 (leaving out historic and detailed matter), was on coarse brown paper covered with untanned deer hide. The hair had worn off and several holes had worn through the hide. The first record in the old book was the original record of Alfred Houston, who crossed the ocean in 1612, bringing with him the record beginning with Robert House-Son, of Dublin, Ireland. The record came down to my great-grandfather, Samuel Houston, from John Rolfe, grandson of Alfred, who had changed his name from House-Son to Houston.

Franklin Warren Houston - 1912

The book with its historical sketches, family record and various family incidents, made a considerable volume. Much of it was written in the Scottish dialect and Old English. I would give much had I now the venerable book in my possession, but after my grandfather's death in 1855, upon writing to his only son, I learned that the book having become so mutilated and the chirography so much obliterated, the family has suffered it to be destroyed, showing that now every son feels a deep interest in the lineage of his ancestors.

I have now traced the lineage of the Houston and Huston family back to the middle of the fourteenth Century and find that they had one and the same progenitor, Robert House-Son, and that they are of Scotch-Irish blood. No member of either family, therefore, have need to be ashamed of the blood that flows in his veins.

The Scotch have ever been distinguished for their learning, their industry, and their love of liberty; and the Irish for their patriotism, bravery, warm-heartedness and sparkling wit and although for ages they have been throttled by an oppressive hand and robbed of the God-given and inalienable rights, the heroism with which the Emmits, O'Briens and O'Connells have striven to break the grip which holds the nation in bondage, is ominous to the fact that in a coming day amid revolutions of time and the rise and fall of all empires, the irrepressible elasticity of Irish heroism will expand and burst its prison walls, and with their Swifts, Goldsmiths, Sheridans and Moores in the van of their literature and science, the Irish nation will forge to the front ranks of the leading nations of the earth.

On my maternal side, my grandfather was John Adams. He claimed to be a relative of John and Quincy Adams, our early Presidents, and was named for the elder. He emigrated from Chester, England, in the fall of 1740, with his father Quincy Adams, his mother, one brother and two sisters. He settled on a farm near Richmond, Virginia, and was educated in Richmond. At the age of 24 years he married Mollie Thompson and in 1784, emigrated to Kentucky and settled in Bourbon County, within two miles of where I now live, cleared a little farm and erected the first school house in what is now North Middleton precinct and it was called "Adams Academy." He died in 1830, and his wife died in 1832. My mother was Morning Adams, the elder of his two daughters. His other daughter was Pattie Adams, who married John L. Dickey, and emigrated to Eaton, Ohio. My grandfather had also three sons: Charles, James and Richard.

My mother, Morning Adams, lived to be eighty-four years of age. She died at Garfield, Illinois, and was buried at Ancona.

This record I leave for my children, and I hope they will feel the same interest in perpetuating the lineage of their families that I have felt. (July 4, 1895). Franklin Warren Houston.

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VISTA NICHOLS PERDEW
HISTORIAN

May 11th, 1946.

65 FLAGG ROAD
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

You will notice ever since your last letter of February 18th, I have been copying little items, which I thought you might like. However, I have had no time for the research work, as much as I would love to do it. I have been working on clothing shipments to Europe, and getting ready for a lengthy trip out west. I am starting tomorrow, and driving alone.

So I am sending you this loose jointed letter, and promising to do better sometime this summer or fall. I have taken your letters along with me, and it might be that I can get to give it my usual good attention while I am at the home of my sister in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

In the meantime, with every good wish, and looking forward to further correspondence with you,

Cordially,

Vista Perdeu

Mr. Walter O. Shriner,
2525 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Ind.

CC to Mr. Raymond Bell:-

I am going through Washington about next Wednesday, and it might be that I can stop- driving through on trip to west coast. Your article in the December National Gen. Society Quarterly is very good, and I thank you for same.

For long time I have had the material copied which you lent to me, but I have been holding it thinking I would get time to copy in full the Arthur Buchanan family of Mifflin County and the Walter Buchanan family of East Penns. Cumberland County. Perhaps I can do that this summer- will try.

I expect to return later part of August.

Wishing you both a pleasant summer,

Cordially,

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Feb. 23, 1946.

Re:- Children of John McClellan, and
Catherine Buchanan (Huston) McClellan.

As stated in last communication, I have never seriously searched for this family, although I always wished to do this. So recently I turned to Cuthbertson's Diary, compiled by Helen Fields which our local Historical Society here in Hartford has a copy. The following are quotations from this Diary:-

Aug. 20th 1751. (From Wm. Brown's in Paxton- now Dauphin Co)
"Rode 18 miles to Walter Buchanans upon side of Connoduginct
Creek. Tired but safe.

Aug. 21st- "Preached, leactured (the Bible references are
always given, but I omit these)
Baptized John, son to Jo Glendining, John son to John
McClelland, Jean dau to Henry Swansie. Then rode 20 miles
near Great Spring..molested..

(Walter Buchanan lived close to the present town of Hogestown
Cumberland County- and it would seem that McClellan's son
was baptized there. Please disregard the former notes from
me stating that he was baptized in Carlisle. These items
are exactly quoted from the Diary, so correct.)

July 12th, 1753. "Rode 9 miles from Walter Buchanans to
John Pattersons at Carlisle"

July 15th, 1753 "Sabbath- Preached and lectured. Baptized
Daniel, son to John McClellan and William, son to
Andrew Giffin. g.a." (We do not know what all these
these little letters stand for)

Aug. 3rd, 1755. "At Carlisle. Sabbath, preached. Baptized
Mary, dau to John McClellan, and Mary, dau to John
Mitchell. (At Francis McNickols)

(Note:- At Francis McNickles in 1759, May 20th,
Cuth. baptized Margaret dau to Walter Buchanan, and
afterwards rode and walked 9 miles to Wm. Parkinsons
on the 21st)

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Page No. 2- John McClellan's children, baptized by
Cuthbertson.

(Cuthbertson lived on the Octorora in Lancaster Co.)

His home is often quoted. Daniel McClellan lived about four miles from his home from 1751 to, 1765, at which time he is quoted no more in the Diary)

Oct. 22, 1758- (At Home). "Sabbath, Preached and lectured.

Baptized James, son to John McClellan. o.a. Praise my gracious God"

(I am of the opinion this was the John McClellan with wife Catherine, inasmuch as he baptized another son by name of James later- this one probably died. Altho there might have been two John McClellans. Notice following items)

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July 31st 1765. "Rode 17 miles from W. Walkers. Preached and lectured and baptized Agnes and Joseph, dau and son to Catherine McClellan. g.a.

(William Walker lived about 8 miles from Rev. Cuth. in Lancaster County, and this entry does not state where he went when he rode 17 miles). (Helen Fields says this baptism took place in Lancaster County on the 31st of July)

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Mar. 29, 1767. "At Joseph Junkins. Baptized James, son to Catherine McClellan."

(Joseph Junkin lived in East Penns. Twp, not far from Walter Buchanan. His descendants preserved the Cuth. Diary, who were Buchanans.)

(From superficial study which I have done in the past, I have always placed Catherine Buchanan as daughter of James in East Penns. Twp, who died there in 1746, but she could have been from James Buchanan in Lancaster Co, from which county, the Buchanans of Licking Creek came from. This will work out with further study.)

No more baptisms by Cuthbertson after 1767 for John & Catherine McClellan.

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May 8th, 1949.

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WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

Thank you for your letter of April 10th. It is nice to hear from you, as I always appreciate your letters. I believe the data you sent, I have already, but I thank you just the same. I have had some correspondence with Miss Emma Cambell of La Jolla, Calif. She has been trying to straighten out the Walter Buchanans, but I have not heard from her in the last few years, whether she has succeeded. Sometimes, her records, or her interpretations do not agree with mine. So the last paragraph on your first page of your last letter concerning Walter Buchanan of East Pennsboro Twp- may I correct you, altho you may have not taken this seriously. In the first place Rev. Cuthbertson as interpreted by Helen Fields is not always correct. In doing some work at the Presbyterian Hist. Society in Philadelphia, they lamented the fact that Miss Fields had published her compilation of Rev. Cuth. Diary, as she did not understand the geography of Pennsylvania, and so could not correctly follow Rev. Cuth. on his various journeys. Of course, in some ways she is correct- but just enough errors to throw us off unless we are on our toes. I told them there, that was my experience in trying to follow Helen Fields, and that was the reason that I came to their office in the Weatherspoon Bldg. in Phil. in order to get a copy of the original just as Rev. Cuth. took it down in his note book.

The Walter Buchanan who married the Mary Roney lived and died on Marsh Creek, what is now Adams County- born about 1700 and died between 1780 and 1788. And you have his children about right, altho I have somewhat doubted Andrew No. 1 son as given by you and various historians including Mr. Egle- inasmuch as Andrew was born 1718, and Walter would have been a very young father. All his family I have much data- so if you wish any of it, will be pleased to send same to you, or better yet- meet you some place this summer and let you see and copy my original records, which are compiled from public documents over Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The other Walter, who ~~was born~~ married the Mary Coulter belongs to the East Penns. Township Buchanans, who are legion. These East Penns. Township Buchanans ensued from James Buchanan and Janet Dunning- born around 1700 and this James was a brother of Walter of Marsh Creek, above quoted. It looks quite likely that James Buchanan and Janet Dunning were the parents of Catherine Buchanan who married the Huston and second time McClelland- probably a sister of this Walter who married the Mary Coulter.

These two brothers - James of East Penns, and Walter of Marsh Creek, were brothers of Arthur Buchanan who married Dorcas and settled in Lewistown, the one that Mr. Bell has traced so thoroughly- also they had other brothers. a William of Carlisle, Robert of Marsh Creek, John of Marsh Creek, and reliable historians say they were sons of William Buchanan of Tyrone County, Ireland, and very reasonable conclusion.

The Gilbert Buchanan of East Nottingham, Chester County came from a different ~~xx~~ root of Buchanans- but distant relatives, as their descendants met in the mid-western states in early 1800's. Of course, Walter Buchanan of Little Britain Twp. Lancaster County was a son of Gilbert of East Nott. Twp. Chester County. Helen Fields made an error in interpreting Rev. Cuth. Diary on these children, as she has them mixed with the Walter Buchanan of East Penns. Cumberland County. By studying the copy from original, you will see how she has done this- probably a matter of copying, and she knew better.

The Huston family is interesting- and I would love to see the history you speak of in possession of your kinsman. Could you give me more data where I could see this book? It might be that I could find it in the New York Pub. Library, and I will look for it the next time I go there. There is another Buchanan-Huston connection, which has always had me guessing- that is a couple of ~~Buchanan daughters~~ Huston sisters, who were daughters of Daniel Huston of Lancaster County married Buchanans, who were brothers- and they went to Franklin County, Penn- and thence Washington Co. Penn. These sisters were born about Rev. War period, and both their husbands died early, and the two sisters went with their father west, about 1812. More of this, if you so desire.

For several years back I have been gathering various notes on the Steel families in Penn. and Virginia, and Maryland. I will get them in shape as soon as possible, before you start on your vacation, and send them to you. These notes will be fragmentary, as they are copied here and there in connection with tracing the Buchanans. I have never traced this family direct- which would be a real pleasure to do, if possible. It would be wonderful if we could connect Agnes Buchanan, dau of Gilbert with your Samuel Steele, Jr. That is an idea- --suppose you advise me if you find anything, and I will do the same.

This past winter I have worked almost exclusively on the Virginia Buchanans, and have made quite a headway on connecting them with the Chester County and Lancaster County Buchanans, especially ~~af~~ from the Nottinghams, and Little Britain Townships. So they are rather fresh in my mind. I spent couple of days at West Chester just a week ago.

When you start on your trip thru Kentucky, No. Car., etc. wonder if you could go down the Wabash through Lawrence County, Ill., and get some notes for me? If you are able to do this, I will give you exactly what is desired. It might be that I could do something for you in Penns. There is a possibility that I will get out this summer, and if so, I wish to visit the counties in Indiana and Ohio which border the Ohio River, as far down as Louisville, Ky.- thence thru Cumberland Gap into lower Virginia, and then back thru Wash. D.C. and Delaware, but it would be wonderful if I did not need to go quite as far west as eastern Illinois. I will keep you advised regarding my plans, and it might be that we could meet along the "line of march", and swap data. It might be that something profitable will work out. Just wait until you get a resume of the Virginia ~~Buchanan~~ Steels, which I shall try and get to you soon. They are definitely connected with the Penns. families.

Have never worked in the Carolinas, and have always wanted to.

Looking forward to the pleasure of hearing further from you- and promising more will come to you later regarding the Steel families-- as ever,

Yours cordially,

Vivian B. Perkins